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Subject:	EARLY WARNING
	Full Powers for the signing of the Investment Protection Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part (Commission proposals: ST 13314/18 + ADD 1 + ADD 2) ¹

Member States are informed that the above-mentioned Agreement is expected to be adopted by the **General Affairs Council** on 25 June 2019 and signed shortly thereafter, provided that all relevant conditions are met.

In order to prepare for the signing by Member States of the above-mentioned Agreement, Member States are requested, if required *, to ensure that an instrument of Full Powers, authorising their respective plenipotentiary to sign, is duly issued and deposited with the Council's Treaties and Agreements Office².

* Full Powers are required to be issued to any plenipotentiary who is not a Head of State, Head of Government or a Minister for Foreign Affairs (see Article 7 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties). However, those Member States' Permanent Representatives who have communicated to the General Secretariat of the Council a general authorisation from their authorities to sign EU Agreements on behalf of their country are exempt from this requirement.

¹ The final versions will appear in documents ST 5930/19 and 5932/19 + ADD 1 after the legal-linguistic revision is completed.

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