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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 (ST 5932/19 + ADD 1)

With reference to communication CM 2467/19 of 8 April 2019, Member States are informed that the abovementioned Agreement is expected to be adopted by the General Affairs Council in Luxembourg on 25 June 2019. The signature by the EU and Viet Nam is envisaged to take place by the end of June 2019, provided that all relevant conditions are met.

Member States are required to sign the Agreement beforehand. For this purpose, the Agreement will be available for Member States to sign in the margins of GAC on 25 June 2019. Member States which cannot sign at GAC on 25 June are kindly requested to contact the Council's Treaties and Agreements Office in order to make the necessary arrangements.

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 Office ¹.

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* 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.