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Subject: **EARLY WARNING**
Full Powers for the signing of the Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, of the other part (ST 8371/23 DCL 1, ST 8372/23 DCL 1)

With reference to CM 2743/23 of 2 May 2023, Member States are informed that the abovementioned Agreement is expected to be adopted soon.

Member States who will not sign the Agreement at the signing ceremony will be required to pre-sign it beforehand. For this purpose, the Agreement will be available for Member States' Permanent Representatives to sign prior to a Coreper II meeting, the date(s) of which will be communicated to the delegations once the adoption of the Decision on signing of the Agreement has been confirmed.

Please note that the Agreement will not be available for pre-signing prior to Coreper II on 7 and 14 June 2023, respectively.

* 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.