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Subject: **1/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 8372/1/23 REV1)

With reference to communication CM 2747/23 REV1 of 2 June 2023, Member States are informed that the abovementioned Agreement is expected to be signed by the end of September 2023.

Member States who will not sign the Agreement at the signing ceremony are required to pre-sign it beforehand. For this purpose, the Agreement will be available for Member States' Permanent Representatives to sign prior to Coreper II on 13 September 2023 or prior to Coreper II on 20 September 2023. Member States which cannot sign in the margins of either meeting are kindly requested to contact the Council's Treaties and Agreements Office¹ in order to make the necessary arrangements.

* 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.

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