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Subject: EARLY WARNING
Full Powers for the signing of the Political, Economic and Cooperation Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part (Council doc. ST 12464/25 (+ADD 1 - ADD 5), Commission Proposal: 12461/25 (+ADD 1 - ADD 8))

Member States are informed that the Council Decision concerning the signing of the abovementioned Agreement is foreseen to be approved by COREPER II and adopted by the Council in mid-May (dates tbc).

The signing by the EU and Mexico is envisaged to take place at the end of May (tbc). Member States are required to sign the Agreement beforehand. For this purpose, the Agreement will be available for Member States' Permanent Representatives to sign in the margins of consecutive Coreper II meetings on 6 May 2026 and 13 May 2026.

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.

* 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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