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Subject: **EARLY WARNING**

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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)

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Member States are informed that the abovementioned Agreement is expected to be adopted soon. The signing ceremony is envisaged to take place in the second half of June 2023 (tbc).

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 7 June 2023 (tbc) or prior to Coreper II on 14 June 2023 (tbc). Member States which cannot sign in the margins of either meeting are kindly requested to contact the Council's Treaties and Agreements Office<sup>1</sup> 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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