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Subject: EARLY WARNING
Full Powers for the signing of the Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement between the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and the European Union and its Member States and of the Record of Statements made on the occasion of the signature (ST 8896/22, ST 8974/22)

With reference to communication CM 3953/22 of 11 July 2022, Member States are informed that the Council Decision concerning the signing of the abovementioned Agreement and of the Record of Statements made on the occasion of the signature is expected to be adopted by the General Affairs Council on 20 September 2022. The signature by the EU and the ASEAN Member States is envisaged to take place on 17 October 2022, in the margins of the 54th ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting.

Member States are required to sign the Agreements beforehand. For this purpose, the Agreements will be available for Member States' Permanent Representatives to sign prior to Coreper II on 28 September and on 5 October 2022. Member States which cannot sign in the margins of either meeting 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.

* 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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