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Subject: EARLY WARNING

Full Powers for the signing of the Agreement establishing an association between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Principality of Andorra and the Republic of San Marino, each as a separate Party, of the other part (ST 11787/24 INIT & 16 Addenda)

Member States are informed that the Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the abovementioned Agreement is envisaged to be adopted on 21 April 2026 (tbc). The signing by the European Union and the Principality of Andorra and the Republic of San Marino is envisaged to take place during the second week of June 2026.

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 Coreper II meetings on 27 May and 3 June 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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