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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council

Subject: ERAC dedicated configurations: GPC (High Level Group on Joint Programming) and SFIC (Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation)
- Approval of revised mandates

1. The Council, via its Conclusions on the Review of the European Research Area advisory structure¹, called upon the dedicated configurations of ERAC established by the Council, namely GPC (High Level Group on Joint Programming) and SFIC (Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation), "to update their proposals for their new mandates" and "to submit their proposals to the Council by early 2016".
2. SFIC adopted its "Proposal for a revised mandate for SFIC"² on 13 January 2016.
3. GPC adopted its "Proposal for a revised mandate for GPC"³ on 12 February 2016.

¹ Doc. 14875/15.

² Doc. ERAC-SFIC 1352/16.

³ Doc. ERAC-GPC 1302/16.

4. The Research Working Party, at its meetings on 22 February and 11 March 2016, examined the GPC and SFIC proposals and agreed on the text for revised mandates for both GPC and SFIC to be approved by the Council.
 5. Consequently, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" at a forthcoming session, approves the revised mandates for GPC and SFIC, as agreed by the Research Working Party and as set out in doc. 6213/16 RECH 20 and doc. 6214/16 RECH 21.
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