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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) -
Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC)

Date: 4 October 2019

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Tour de Table

- Presentation of recent INCO developments
Delegations are invited to provide written input before and after the meeting.
- Feedback from the ERAC plenary in Helsinki on 2 October 2019

3. Future of SFIC

- a) SFIC visibility/communication
 - update from the task force

4. Election of the new SFIC Chair

5. SFIC activities in the context of the ERA

- a) ERAC monitoring process
 - update by the Chair
- b) Update on the work of the ERAC Ad-hoc Working Group on the future of the ERA
 - update by the Vice-Chair

6. Information on the Mutual Learning Exercise

- information by the FR delegation

7. Working groups

- a) Benchmarking Working Group
 - extension of the mandate of the Working Group
 - presentation of the draft report
- b) China
 - information by the Commission
 - continuation of discussion on the creation of a working group or a task force
- c) Science diplomacy:
 - report back from the workshop on 3 October
 - information by the Commission on the session on "Science diplomacy" at the R&I Days
 - discussion on the next steps
- d) Africa
 - information by the Commission
 - discussion on the creation of a task force

8. Any other business

- a) update by the Commission on the Workshop on a Strategic Intelligence Foresight System

NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal. Room attendants will provide copies on request at the earliest opportunity.