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**ERAC-SFIC**

**COMMUNICATION**

**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)

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Date: 2 March 2020

Time: 10.00

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

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**1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda**

**2. Tour de table**

- presentation of recent INCO developments by the Member States, Associated Countries and the Commission

*Delegations are invited to provide written input before and after the meeting.*

- 3. Strategic development of SFIC**
  - Presentation by the Chair and discussion
- 4. Election of the SFIC Vice-Chair**
- 5. SFIC activities in the context of the ERA**
  - Report from the ERAC Steering Board Meeting
- 6. Debriefing from the Council Policy debate on International R&I Cooperation and reflection on the impact on an eventual SFIC Paper/Opinion**
- 7. OECD presentation of current international issues**
- 8. Information on the Mutual Learning Exercise**
  - Information by the French delegation
- 9. Information by the Swedish delegation on the coordination mechanisms for EU R&I (EU-Sam), as well as a ‘coordination function’ for bilateral cooperation (Int-Sam)**
- 10. Working Groups and Task Forces**
  - a) Science Diplomacy
    - Presentation of recent activities
    - Adoption of a Science Diplomacy Input Paper
  - b) Africa
    - Presentation of the Draft Strategic Report and discussion
    - Preview of the Workshop on 3 March 2020
  - c) China
    - Information by the Commission (follow-up China meeting on 18 December 2019)
    - Discussion on the further work of the Task Force and topics to be covered

- d) Establishment of an innovation related Task Force
  - Discussion

## **11. Any other business**

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

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