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

Date: 2 March 2020

Time: 10.00

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

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.
