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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: 2 December 2020

Time: 10.30

Venue: Videoconference

- 1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Tour the Table**

We kindly ask for your understanding that due to the virtual format no Tour de Table will take place. Delegations are explicitly invited to send ahead of the meeting written input (see attached template) that will be shared with all delegations.

DE delegation – update of the German Council Presidency activities explicitly invited
PT incoming presidency also invited for their Programme in the first half of 2021.

EC invited for an update on INCO related activities

3. Innovation issues within SFIC

Written input by delegations via a template (still to be sent).

Summary of the feedback by the Vice-Chair; discussion and input from delegations

4. ERA related activities and updates

- De-briefing from the ERAC Steering Board / Preview of the Plenary
- Current ERA-related developments (Council Conclusions, SFIC ERA Opinion)
- Involvement of SFIC - Governance discussion and ERA implementation (Pact for R&I)
- Envisaged INCO Strategy of the EC
- Discussion and next steps

5. Report on Africa related activities

- Report by the Working Group on the current status of their work – work programme
- Report by the EC about current / planned activities
- Questions from delegations; discussion

6. Update on China related activities at EU level

- Information by the European Commission
- Questions from delegations; discussion

7. Update on the guidelines related to “foreign interference”

8. Report of the Science Diplomacy Task Force

- Presentation of the current activities of the Task Force by the Rapporteurs (PPT)
- EC representative on current issues
- Questions from delegations; discussion

9. Association to Horizon Europe / Strategic Relevance for Europe

- Input from Deputy Director-General Signe Ratso / DG Research
- Questions from delegations; discussion

10. De-briefing from the Strategic Workshop of December 1st and next steps

- Report from the Workshop
- Presentation of the Draft Work Programme for 2021/2022
- Discussion and next steps

11. Any other issues by delegations & conclusion of the meeting

NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal.
