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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: 18 December 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.

3. Future of SFIC

- Adoption of the final report of the Task Force on visibility/communication
- Presentation by the Task Force of a draft SFIC presentation

4. SFIC activities in the context of the ERA

- Report back from the ERAC Plenary, including the current status of the work of the ERAC Ad-Hoc Group on the Future of the ERA and the next steps in the process

5. SFIC Work Programme 2019-2020

- Discussion on the current status of the SFIC Work Programme 2019-2020 (planning vs. implementation) and on the need to revise/update it

6. Exchange with key Stakeholders on the international dimension of the ERA

Stakeholders to be invited: European Association of Research and Technology Organisations (EARTO), European University Association (EUA), League of European Research Universities (LERU), Science Europe, European Network of Innovation Agencies (TAFTI) and EUREKA

7. Information on the Mutual Learning Exercise

- Information by the FR delegation

8. Working Groups

- a) Benchmarking Working Group
 - Adoption of the final report
 - Presentation of the Draft SFIC Opinion and its adoption

- b) China
 - Information by the participants of the China Workshop
 - Information by the European Commission
 - Discussion on the relevance for further SFIC work and the next steps
- c) Africa
 - Endorsement of the draft Concept Note and discussion on the next steps
 - Joint presentation by the Commission and the SFIC Africa Group on current activities
- d) Science Diplomacy
 - Presentation of recent activities
 - Endorsement of the draft Concept Note and discussion on the next steps

9. Any other business

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