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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: 15 June 2016

Time: 10.00

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

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. EU's international R&I cooperation

- Commission's "Open to the world" agenda
- 2nd Report on the implementation of the Commission's international R&I strategy

Expected outcome: Commission will give an overview about its "Open to the world" agenda, with an update and latest information on the preparation of the report on the EU's international R&I cooperation strategy.

3. SFIC Working Groups

a) State of play of Working Groups by rapporteurs

- **Brazil: Update on WG work, including revision of mandate**
- **Russia: Update on WG work, including revision of mandate**
- **USA: Update on WG work, including revision of mandate**
- **China: Update on WG work, including revision of mandate**
- **Toolbox: Update on WG work**

b) Discussion on the strategic focus of Working Groups

Expected outcome: *Rapporteurs will briefly inform about the state of play of their respective WG. Discussion on the revision of WG mandates for country-specific WGs will be addressed, based on new mandate proposals by the WGs. Plenary will be asked to adopt the mandates, where appropriate. In the context of the revision of WG mandates, the plenary will further discuss the framework of the strategic focus of work by WGs, including potential new (thematic) initiatives.*

4. State of play on bi-regional STI cooperation dialogues

a) Joint funding scheme between European and Southeast Asian countries

b) Exchange of experiences between SFIC delegations on recent bi-regional dialogues and potential strategic involvement of SFIC

Expected outcome: *Delegations will get an update on recent developments about the joint funding scheme between EU and Southeast Asian countries. The plenary may discuss whether, how and to what extent SFIC should add value and contribute to bi-regional policy dialogues.*

5. Administrative procedures

a) Election of the SFIC Chair

b) Work Programme 2017-18 in relation to ERA Roadmap

Expected outcome: *Election of the SFIC Chair to take place, followed by a preliminary discussion on WP 2017-18 and its ERA-related activities based on current Work Programme in view of ERAC's Steering Board on 28 June.*

6. Structured policy coordination - Strand 2 - Policy Service Facility

Expected outcome: *Commission will give an update on the call for tender procedure and SFIC delegations are requested to further develop SFIC's input to the PSF process based on a note prepared by the rapporteur.*

7. Standing Information Points

8. AOB

- Cooperation with Helsinki Group: *Delegations will be asked to propose volunteers for a rapporteur to liaise with the Helsinki Group.*
- G7 Science Ministers meeting

NB: Council documents are available on Extranet. A limited stock of documents produced immediately prior to the meeting will be available in the meeting room. Room attendants will provide copies on request at the earliest opportunity.

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