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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: 6 June 2018

Time: 10.30

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

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. "Tour de table" of national and Commission activities

Expected outcome: Information by delegations and the Commission on topics of particular interest to SFIC members

3. Work programme of the current and incoming Presidencies

Expected outcome: Information from the Bulgarian and Austrian delegations

4. Review of ERA governance in 2018

Expected outcome: Information from the Chair on latest developments

5. PRIMA

Expected outcome: Presentation of the joint research and innovation programme by its Chairman/Director, and exchange of views

6. ENRICH - European Network of Research and Innovation Centres and Hubs

Expected outcome: Presentations by representatives of the European research and innovation centres in the United States, Brazil and China, and exchange of views

7. State of play of SFIC working groups

- Toolbox Working Group

Expected outcome: Information from the rapporteur on the state of play

8. Research and Innovation Observatory (RIO)

Expected outcome: Information by the Commission on the feasibility of including international cooperation criteria, and exchange of views

9. The future of SFIC working groups

- Proposal for an *ad hoc* working group for a benchmarking exercise on strategies and roadmaps for international cooperation in R&I

Expected outcome: Discussion about the setup and the mandate to be given to the proposed *ad hoc* working group (*Doc. WK 3459/2018*)

- Possible further new working groups dedicated to thematic issues, geographical areas or specific countries

Expected outcome: Launching of a reflection group on setting up possible further new working groups

10. Service Facility

Expected outcome: Update by the Commission on the operation of the INCO service facility

11. Participation of third countries in Framework Programme 9

Expected outcome: Update by the Commission on elements in the upcoming proposal for a new framework programme for research and innovation

12. Any other business

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