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**NOTE**

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From:	SFIC Secretariat
To:	SFIC delegations
Subject:	Mandate of the SFIC Working Group on Common Principles

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Delegations will find annexed to this Note the mandate of the SFIC Working Group on Common Principles as approved by the SFIC plenary on 19 May 2014.

**MANDATE OF THE SFIC WORKING GROUP ON COMMON PRINCIPLES**

1. The Working Group on Common Principles has the objective to advise the SFIC (Member States, Associated Countries and the Commission) in the field of common principles for the conduct of international cooperation in research and innovation.
2. The Working Group will focus in particular on the following activities:
  - a) Providing input to SFIC in view of contributing to the promotion and development of the common principles for the conduct of international cooperation in research and innovation, notably through the activities highlighted by the Council in its Conclusions on 31 May 2013<sup>1</sup>:
    - i. the provision of relevant advice; and
    - ii. the sharing of information on international cooperation policies and activities and best practice developed at national level;
  - b) Providing input to SFIC in view of a potential written SFIC opinion on common principles for the conduct of international cooperation in research and innovation cooperation, to be submitted to Council and Commission.
3. The Working Group shall contribute to and take account of the EU Multi-Annual Roadmaps and activities in Horizon 2020, as appropriate.
4. The Working Group is set up for a period of 1 year, commencing on 19 May 2014. This period can be extended after assessment and approval by the SFIC Plenary.
5. The SFIC Rules of Procedure (ERAC-SFIC 1351/14) are applicable to this Working Group.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 10318/13.