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## COMMUNICATION

### **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)

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Date: 4 October 2019

Time: 10.00

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

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#### **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.*
- Feedback from the ERAC plenary in Helsinki on 2 October 2019

#### **3. Future of SFIC**

- a) SFIC visibility/communication
  - update from the task force

- 4. Election of the new SFIC Chair**
- 5. SFIC activities in the context of the ERA**
  - a) ERAC monitoring process
    - update by the Chair
  - b) Update on the work of the ERAC Ad-hoc Working Group on the future of the ERA
    - update by the Vice-Chair
- 6. Information on the Mutual Learning Exercise**
  - information by the FR delegation
- 7. Working groups**
  - a) Benchmarking Working Group
    - extension of the mandate of the Working Group
    - presentation of the draft report
  - b) China
    - information by the Commission
    - continuation of discussion on the creation of a working group or a task force
  - c) Science diplomacy:
    - report back from the workshop on 3 October
    - information by the Commission on the session on "Science diplomacy" at the R&I Days
    - discussion on the next steps
  - d) Africa
    - information by the Commission
    - discussion on the creation of a task force
- 8. Any other business**
  - a) update by the Commission on the Workshop on a Strategic Intelligence Foresight System

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