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NOTE

Subject : Recommendation of SFIC on Reinforcing S&T dialogue and cooperation with
Africa

Delegations will find attached a recommendation by SFIC as adopted at its meeting of
17 September 2010.

Recommendation of SFIC on Reinforcing S&T dialogue and cooperation with Africa

In its Conclusions of 26 May 2010¹ the Council "takes note of the work carried out in the framework of the EU-Africa cooperation, under 8th partnership dedicated to science, information society and space, and invites SFIC to consider its involvement in the preparation of the EU-Africa Summit to be held in November 2010".

The Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC), on the basis of the Council conclusions of 26 May 2010, recommends the following:

- acknowledge the achievements of the Africa-EU Partnership on Science, Information Society and Space, notably the significant progress made through the Framework Programme and the European Development Fund towards meeting the objectives of the Partnership;
- support the establishment of an Africa-EU High Level S&T Policy Dialogue by the Africa-EU Joint Summit of November 2010 in Libya, with a view to maintaining the political impulse given by the Joint Summit of Lisbon 2007, steering the implementation of the Action Plan 2011-2013 and strengthening further the EU-Africa cooperation in the field of science, technology and innovation, notably within the framework of Partnership 8;
- call on the Member States and the European Commission to actively engage in the implementation of the High Level S&T Policy Dialogue with Africa;
- encourage the Member States and the European Commission to actively engage with the AUC and the African Member States and Regional Economic Communities so as to make further progress in supporting and implementing the EU-Africa Partnership Action Plan;
- consider that the definition of a new Action Plan for the years 2011-2013 represents a good opportunity to strengthen the Science component of the Partnership and ensure the effective pursuit of its objectives through stronger engagement of the Member States and other stakeholders on both sides in its concrete project-based implementation.

¹ Doc 10246/10.