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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: 7 October 2020

Time: 10.00

Venue: Videoconference

1. Welcome and explanation of the agenda and procedure

2. Tour the Table

We kindly ask for your understanding that due to the virtual format no oral Tour de Table will take place. Delegations are explicitly invited to send ahead of the meeting written input that will be shared with all delegations on the provided template.

Exceptions:

DE delegation – Update of the German Council Presidency activities explicitly invited.

EC – Update from the European Commission on recent INCO-activities

3. Activities and impact of COVID-19 in an international context

Delegations are invited to provide written input ahead of the meeting on the provided template and the Chair will provide a summary presentation of the key issues responded and the written input will be shared with all delegations.

EC - Update from the European Commission on recent COVID-19 related INCO-activities

4. ERA related activities and updates

- De-briefing from the ERAC Plenary
- Current ERA-related developments (Council Conclusions etc.)
- ERA communication by the EC (TBC)
- Triangle Group on Charter and Code
- Discussion and next steps

5. Report on Africa related activities

- Potential new mandate for the Africa Task Force / Working Group
- Africa Survey – context and aims
- Report by the EC about current / planned activities related to Africa
- Discussion as relevant

6. Report of the Science Diplomacy Task Force

- Presentation of the current activities of the Task Force by the Rapporteurs (PPT)
- EEAs representative on current and planned activities
- Discussion as relevant

7. Update on China and Public interference related issues

- Information by the Chair
- Update by the European Commission
- Discussion as relevant

8. Innovation issues within SFIC (12:10 – 12:25)

- Continuation of the discussion and concrete steps for integration into the Task Forces / Working Groups and overall work of SFIC
- Discussion and next steps

9. De-briefing Science and Innovation Days / INCO aspects

by the European Commission; feedback from participating delegations

10. Any other topics (including news related to the OECD)

11. Conclusion of the meeting and next steps

NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal.
