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NOTE

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

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

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MANDATE OF THE SFIC WORKING GROUP ON CHINA

1. The Working Group on China has the <u>objective</u> to advise the SFIC (Member States, Associated Countries and the Commission) on areas for which there is potential for a more coordinated approach vis-à-vis China adding value to existing successful cooperation activities.

2. The Working Group will follow focus in particular on the following <u>activities</u>:

    a) Exchanging best practices and sharing information on the areas of common interest identified in the EU/MS-China Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda – a living document to be periodically reviewed – and the Chinese research and innovation strategy, as well as on those cross-cutting issues where cooperation with China should be enhanced;

    b) Contributing to the development of activities to enhance the EU/MS-China STI cooperation, through, for instance:
        i.   Organising an annual follow-up of EU and MS STI cooperation initiatives with China;
        ii. Advising on targeted joint and coordinated actions (within Horizon 2020 or MS-China activities);
        iii. Promoting the organisation of and input to EU/MS-China workshops and conferences in the priority areas of common interest.

3. The Working Group shall contribute to and take account of the EU Multi-Annual Roadmap for China and activities in Horizon 2020, as appropriate.

4. The Working Group is set up for a period of <u>1 year</u>, 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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