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Mandate of the SFIC Working Group on China Subject:

Delegations will find annexed to this Note the mandate of the SFIC Working Group on China, as renewed by the SFIC plenary on 9 June 2015.

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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 was set up for a period of 1 year, commencing on 19 May 2014¹. The SFIC plenary on 9 June 2015 decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group for an additional year until <u>9 June 2016</u>. 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

¹ ERAC-SFIC 1355/14.