Opening remarks and adoption of agenda
The Tánaiste welcomed members to the meeting and introduced the agenda, which was adopted by the Council.

Item 1 Brexit
The Council noted the current state of play on Brexit, including ongoing preparatory work to ready Ireland for all possible scenarios.

Item 2 (a) Global Ireland - Support for trade and investment by expanding mission network
The Tánaiste provided an update to the Council on the implementation of Global Ireland, including the expansion of Ireland’s mission network and the Ireland House concept; Ireland’s participation at Expo 2020; the campaign for membership of the UN Security Council; and the Global Reputation and Communication strategy.

Item 2 (b) Global Ireland - Regional strategies update
The Tánaiste briefed the Council on regional strategies recently launched by the Department, and those in the process of being finalised. These strategies, for the Americas, Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, are part of the wider context of the Global Ireland strategy, and in particular, the strengthening of the trade and economic relations with the countries of these regions.

Item 3 Future Jobs
The Council noted the progress in implementing actions under Future Jobs Ireland on the basis of an update provided by the Department of the Taoiseach.

AOB - Smart Nation 2040
The Council had an exchange of views on the paper submitted by the private sector members on Smart Nation 2040. It was agreed that this would be considered and follow-up discussed at the next meeting of the ETC.
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In attendance:

Government Departments
Simon Coveney T.D., Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade (Chair)
Eamonn McKee, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Michael Lonergan, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Nigel Clarke, Department of the Taoiseach
Patrick Gaule, Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation
Vincent Landers, Department of Education and Skills
Peter Cleary, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

State Agencies
David Kennedy, Bord Bia
Kevin Sherry, Enterprise Ireland
Kieran Donoghue, IDA Ireland
Niall Gibbons, Tourism Ireland
Christine Sisk, Culture Ireland

Private Sector Members
Pat Ivory, IBEC
Simon McKeever, Irish Exporters Association
Ruth Andrews, Incoming Tour Operators Association Ireland
Pat Beirne, Mergon
Caroline Keeling, Keelings
Pól Ó Móráin, Silicon Kingdom Holdings
Mairead Sorensen, Butlers Chocolates
Liam Ryan, SAP
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