



To whom it may concern

This letter is to certify that the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), organisational number 802006-2660, shall be described as a "not for profit organisation".

The Swedish law on foundations (Stiftelselag 1994:1220) basically distinguishes between two types of foundations, those who manage a financial asset for a specific beneficial purpose in accordance with their statutes and where a certain percentage each year has to be used for that purpose, and those foundations with more operational activities. The latter category may be set up either for commercial purposes or for more altruistic purposes, i.e. non-profit organisations. Which one it is can only be deducted from the statutes or founding documents of that foundation and can not be evident by the document provided by the Stockholm County Administrative Board. Furthermore, in the original document in Swedish the term is "näringsdrivande stiftelse". The correct translation for this should be "foundation with operational activities" and not "commercial activities".

As is clear from article 2 of the Statutes for SIPRI, the purpose of SIPRI is to "... conduct scientific research on questions of conflict and co-operation of importance for international peace and security, with the aim of contributing to an understanding of the conditions for peaceful solutions of international conflicts and for a stable peace." This is a clear not for profit purpose and SIPRI can not use any of its resources for any other purpose than what is stated in the statutes. SIPRI is a non profit organisation founded under the Swedish law on foundations.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ove Olsson".

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