



## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 16 October 2018

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Luc van de Goor, Maria Kaemmerlé, Sigrún Rawet, Dan Smith

Note-taker Elena Haapaniemi

#### 1. MoM approval

- Minutes of the previous meeting on Oct 2 were approved.

#### 2. Matters arising from the previous MoM

- The SMT briefly discussed the upcoming visit to Iran in January 2019. The working title of the planned SIPRI event (to be held on the margins of the 3d Tehran Security Conference?) is “Regional Security Dialogue” and tentative dates are Jan 14 or 17. To take this forward, Dan, Luc, Shannon and, if possible, Sibylle need to have a discussion asap. Elena will book a meeting.

#### 3. Report back

- Sibylle informed the SMT on the discussions held at her latest cluster meeting. The main take-away is a clear interest to engage more with the Swedish MFA. One concrete follow-up measure may include SIPRI briefings for all new NIS staff.
- Sibylle informed the SMT about the call for projects launched by the Norwegian MFA. The SMT decided that all DoS should find out the details asap and, if relevant, follow up and submit project proposals.
- Steph informed the SMT about the first working meeting of all the actors involved in the Climate Hub. A separate meeting focused on communications is scheduled for the upcoming week.
- Dan reported back about the meeting with Susanne Baumann he and Sibylle had on Oct 15. Baumann is heading the UN division and the Disarmament and Arms Control division at the German MFA and was recently appointed as Disarmament Ambassador. The discussion centred around Germany taking over the non-permanent UN SC membership during 2019-2020. Germany is committed to ensure continuity of Sweden’s work in terms of peace, security and climate policy and SIPRI is a welcome partner in supporting these initiatives.

#### 4. Staffing & project issues

- Dan informed the SMT that the application for the Postcode Lottery Foundation has been submitted. It concerns the Global Registry of Violent Deaths (GReVD) and covers a period of 18 months.

- Sibylle informed the SMT that AMEX recruitment is ongoing while the dual-use and arms trade controls one is on hold. The temporary solution for the latter can be using a consultant.
- The SMT decided to extend Ian Davis's associate status and to relocate him from the Armament and Disarmament cluster to Peace and Conflict cluster as this affiliation would better reflect his work in terms of research. Luc to follow up on that.
- The SMT agreed to extend Johan Schaar's contract. Luc to finalise that.
- Luc updated the SMT on the ongoing recruitment for the SAHEL team.
- Maria informed the SMT that she has started preparing the structure for the 2019 budget.
- Sigrún informed the SMT that the Ambassador for Political Affairs of the EU Political and Security Committee (PSC) was favourable for SIPRI presenting its work on climate change and security.

#### 5. The Lundin report on TPNW

- Dan reminded the SMT that the report on the consequences of Sweden's eventual ratification of the TPNW, commissioned by the Swedish government and authored by Lars-Erik Lundin, former diplomat and SIPRI Distinguished Associate Fellow since 2014, is due to be published on Oct 31. The publication might be delayed until the new government is in place; however, SIPRI needs to be ready with a clear view once the report is made public. This is a delicate issue and SIPRI's position needs to be carefully thought through and impeccably formulated in advance. The institute must come out with something that is different, interesting and relevant. The SMT agreed that the nuclear team should prepare bullet points style document presenting background and the issues involved in the arguments about whether Sweden should adhere to the treaty.

#### 6. Board Meeting November 2018

- The SMT briefly discussed the draft agenda for the upcoming GB meeting that includes YB options, the GDPR, research strategy, the budget, strategic fundraising plus selected thematic issues and also short-listed candidates for SIPRI Lecture 2019. Thematic lunches with Board members for all staff will be organised on Nov 26, the topics for each Board member have to be finalised asap. Working titles so far are "Natural resources and conflict" for Espen, "Peacekeeping" for Jean-Marie and "Current security challenges in your respective region" for the rest of the Board members.
- All Board members will be invited to participate in a public discussion, chaired by Dan, scheduled for the afternoon of Nov 26 at Stockholm Museum of Mediterranean.

#### 7. AOB

- NTR.

#### Action Points

- Meeting between Dan, Luc, Shannon and Sibylle on Iran – Elena to book
- Follow up on the Norwegian MFA call – all cluster leaders to identify those potentially interested by the call and find out the scope/topics covered.
- Extending Ian Davis associate status and relocating to another cluster - Luc
- Extending Johan Schaar's contract – Luc
- Input/bullet points for SIPRI's draft statement on Lundin report – nuclear team
- Topics for thematic lunches with the Board members on Nov 26 – the SMT+
- Travel arrangements for the Board members – Elena

#### Items carried forward

- Various internal protocols.

**Cross-cluster upcoming dates**

Halloween party – Oct 26

Meeting of the SIPRI Governing Board – Nov 26-27

Christmas lunch – December 7