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SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Solna, 9 January 2018

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Jakob Hallgren, Maria Kaemmerlé and Gary Milante.

1. Minutes approval

- Minutes of the 20 December meeting were approved without changes.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes, not otherwise on the agenda

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3. Report back

- Work is well advanced with the 2017 Annual Review. It will be published early March when annual figures have been audited and inserted.
- Three somewhat longer films from recent events have been produced, or are in the pipeline, including one on Art 36/Autonomous Weapons.
- The Arms Production data launch struck a new record of media pick-ups.
- The work load in the Outreach team was overwhelming before Christmas. It was decided we must plan events better and to create an annual calendar for overview. Outreach and Cluster Coordinators will be responsible.
- Closing of annual finances for 2017 and reporting after the EUNPC conference coincide with the end of several projects. This makes work for the financial department very busy currently.
- Italian IAI will arrange the EUNPC conference in 2018.
- The Finnish embassy is interested in a joint event on Nuclear Terrorism related to the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT).
- The Korean Jeju Peace institute has also indicated interest in joint events.
- Saudi Prince Turki, Chair of King Faisal Foundation's Center for Research and Islamic Studies, has expressed a wish to visit SIPRI in the spring.
- A concept note for a June conference on Nordic/Baltic 'soft' security is discussed with the Swedish MFA.

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- Directors of MFA's in the eight Nordic Baltic countries will visit SIPRI on 6 February.

4. Staffing and Projects

- Interim leadership of the Conflicts and Peace Cluster was discussed. Dan and Jakob will share the task until the new DoS assumes office. A cluster meeting will be held soon.

5. Revision of the 2018 – 2019 Swedish MFA strategic programme grant

- Several changes (additions) have been proposed by the MFA to the concept that was submitted in October 2017. Revisions of text and budgets now need to be made.

6. Task for 2018, priority setting

- Of the long list of tasks for 2018 a couple were identified as more urgent than others. They included a concept for the October Stockholm Security Conference, a new Institute Strategy and defining the way forward for the three work streams on Emerging Weapons Technologies, China/Asia and the Middle East.

6. AOB

7. Items carried forward for future agenda

- Training for line managers.
- Second reading of SIPRI Publications re-assessment.
- Evaluation of the 2017 PAD and salary review process.
- A strategy for SIPRI outreach in Sweden.