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## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 27 September 2016

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Jakob Hallgren, Maria Kaemmerlé, Neil Melvin, Dan Smith.

#### 1. Minutes approval

The minutes of the 20 September meeting were approved without changes.

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

- It was decided to offer migration expert Martin Baldwin-Edwards a position as associate researcher, in view of an upcoming EU H2020 application.
- SIPRI is likely to stay in the EU Non Proliferation Consortium and to participate in a bid for a third phase, 2017 – 2019.
- Work on the new SIPRI performance assessment framework is ongoing.

#### 3. Report back

- SIPRI's input to the Swedish government advisory Commission on disarmament and international law was discussed, notably the issue of whether Sweden should support the process towards a ban on nuclear weapons.
- SIPRI has increasing difficulties in getting official endorsement for public events in China.
- Photos are taken of all staff for the new staff directory on the website.
- Q3 financial results, and a budget simulation tool, are underway.
- Sibylle will participate in an event on women in compliance and as an expert to a German government consultation process on arms export control.
- Neil will participate in a GMF event in Moldova.
- It was decided that SIPRI will not participate in the 'Astana Peace Summit'.

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#### 4. Staffing and Project Issues

- The terms of Ian Davis's consultancy (Nov 2016 – June 2017) as Executive Yearbook Editor were discussed.

#### 5. SMT procedures

- SMT will henceforth meet on Tuesdays at 13,00 – 15,00. The SMT will also arrange a half day retreat during the fall.

#### 6. Meeting with the Swedish State Secretary in the MFA 29 September

- A discussion was held on how best marry the MFA offer of programme funds with SIPRI's interests, both regarding research and administration.

#### 7. Clusters' researchers

- A draft list of which researchers belong to what clusters was considered in view of the upcoming first cluster meetings with the newly appointed Directors of Studies.

#### 8. Secure Cities follow-up

- The issue was postponed to a later meeting.

#### 9. Statutes

- The suggested changes are now agreed and ready to be communicated to the MFA, for their further formal processing.

#### 10. Next meeting, time and agenda

- The next SMT will be held on 11 October, the agenda will be elaborated later.

#### 11. Any other business

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#### 12. Items carried forward for future agenda

- Collaboration with the Uppsala Conflict and Data Programme (UCDP).
- Secure Cities follow-up