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## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 8 November 2016

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

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

#### 1. Minutes approval

- The minutes of the 24 October meeting were approved without changes.

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

- It was decided that SMT meetings will be held if three members participate, however SMT is only quorate with four members. Minutes are always taken.  
- Feedback has yet to come on two of the recently submitted major proposals to the Swedish MFA, however the Forum proposal seems to have been approved.

#### 3. Report back

- The intention is that there will be a third phase of the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium project, beginning in July 2017. PRIF will replace FRS as consortium leader.  
- SIPRI has been invited to organise an EEAS ad hoc seminar on SALW in the spring of 2017.  
- A public event on Afghanistan, with among others the Afghan Deputy Foreign Minister, will be held at SIPRI on Tuesday 6 December.  
- Ambassador Korhonen, President of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of State Parties on the Arms Trade Treaty would like to see SIPRI in an advisory role. Mark Bromley attends a meeting on the topic in Geneva on 8 December.  
- SIPRI will initiate a discussion with the IAEA, seeking to formalise the collaboration through a joint MoU.  
- Travel claims for researchers are henceforth (as of December 2016) signed off within each cluster, by the respective Director of Studies.

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- Venues for the SIPRI Christmas lunch on 9 December and the SMT away day on 8 December are confirmed.
- A public lecture with the General heading the UK Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre (DCDC) will take place at SIPRI on 8 December.

#### 4. Staffing and Project Issues

- The LAWS project (Vincent and Maaike) are formally moving from the Peace and Conflict Cluster to Armament and Disarmament.
- A project proposal on the 'Evolving Nature of Conflict' was discussed, including its focus and potential funding.

#### 5. Stockholm Security Conference / Secure Cities – the way forward

- It was decided the default position is that a 2017 conference will take place.
- A final decision on the way ahead will be taken early December when issues related to possible additional subthemes (apart from Cities), the staffing situation, and anticipated further input from key stakeholders and partners (including on financial support) have been taken into account.

#### 6. Finance: Q3 results and budget 2017

- It was noted that the forecast for the end of 2016 had improved, however this was mainly due to currency fluctuation.

#### 7. The Middle East:

- SIPRI is going to accept an invitation to attend a round-table on Yemen, to be organised by the Swedish MFA.
- Dan will soon travel to Teheran, paving the way for deeper collaboration with the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS).

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

- The Director's office
- Future relations with the Uppsala Conflict and Data Programme (UCDP).
- A SIPRI alumni structure?
- SIPRI values discussion
- SIPRI East Asia strategy