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## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 15 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 8 November meeting were approved with minor changes.

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

- The current setup of the Monday all staff meetings, chaired by Senior Management and inviting staff to contribute in the order they sit, will continue.

#### 3. Report back

- The project proposal on the 'Evolving Nature of Conflict' will be further discussed in the Conflict and Peace cluster.  
- Philanthropist and entrepreneur Björn Jakobsson (BabyBjörn AB) has visited SIPRI and is considering collaboration.  
- Upcoming issues for the Swedish government Commission on Disarmament and International Law are 'Health Facilities and IHL', and 'the Environment and Violent Conflict'.  
- SIPRI is organising an event on 5 December with the UNDP Oslo Governance Centre on peacebuilding and violent extremism.  
- A call for the introduction of a clearer research management system at SIPRI has been suggested in cluster meetings. This is being worked on by DoS's.  
- Lena will henceforth create a weekly update on research proposals and concept notes in the pipeline.  
- The MFA department responsible for disarmament etc, 'NIS', will visit SIPRI on 19 January 2017.

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- SIPRI's bid for the 2016 round of UNSCAR funding on Sustainable Development Goal 16.4 and reducing illicit arms flows was rejected.
- Judging by comments from the Swedish Disarmament ambassador at a Riksdag meeting on SALW and Sustainable Development Goal 16.4, this area will be a Swedish government priority.

#### 4. Staffing and Project Issues

- Applications at the Swedish Migration Board regarding work permits etc are currently experiencing delays. Measures are being taken to mitigate the fallout for SIPRI.

#### 5. Future relations with UCDP

- When the current contract with the Uppsala Conflict and Data Programme (UCDP) expires in 2017, SIPRI is intent on strong and friendly relations even though the nature of the collaboration might change.

#### 6. Asia strategy

- In order to reflect the wide array of SIPRI activities in China and North East Asia, it was decided that the China Programme be re-named 'the China and North East Asia Programme'.

#### 7. SIPRI Mission

- It was decided that the discrepancy between the two slightly differing versions of the vision and mission statements used by SIPRI, both adopted by the Governing Board at different occasions, be left unaddressed for the moment.

#### 8. Approval procedure for SIPRI publications

- A review panel for SIPRI publications, authored by staff and associates, will be created. It will consist of the Director, the Managing Editor and the Director of Communications, as well as the relevant Director of Studies. Other experts may also be asked to participate, depending on the subject.

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

- A SIPRI alumni structure?
- SIPRI values discussion