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## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 21 February 2017

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

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

#### 1. Minutes approval

- Minutes of the 14 February meeting were approved with minor changes.

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

- Issues related to the fine tuning of the ‘Cluster 1 & 2’ proposal to the Swedish MFA were discussed.

#### 3. Report back

- The UNPBSO (Peace Building Support Office) has signaled willingness to fund ‘peace models’ such as a study on the effects of a ‘tax on arms transfers’ by SIPRI. A brief concept note will be prepared.  
- Invitations for the 3 – 4 May Forum are currently going out.  
- An in-house seminar on corruption in the arms trade will be held at SIPRI 23 – 24 February.  
- The 20 February Arms Transfers launch broke a new record number of media hits.  
- SIPRI arranged two successful side events at the 17 – 19 February Munich Security Conference.  
- The MFA has expressed informal views on the suggested changes of the institute statutes, which will be discussed at the 23 February RSC.

#### 4. Staffing and Projects

- Preparations for the third phase of the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium are proceeding. A budget is being submitted for the forthcoming EU Council Decision.  
- A Dutch MFA call for tender in the field of arms control, non-proliferation, and dual-use and arms export control, which seems tailor

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made for the SIPRI Armaments and Disarmament Cluster, will be considered.

- The three ongoing recruitments to the Climate & Security, Mali Project and Editorial positions are proceeding well. Interviews are scheduled for the second half of March.
- The possible recruitment of an overall projects manager for bigger institute initiatives was considered, but nothing was decided.

#### 5. CACDA and the Chinese edition of the Yearbook

- It was agreed that an MoU would be signed as per Lora's suggestion, covering 50 000 CHF and a promise from CACDA for the publication.

#### 6. The September Security Conference, memo by Michael Sahlin

- The need to link the theme of the conference with a suite of SIPRI activities and research was underlined. Jakob were to discuss the detail with Michael Sahlin, in light of his elaboration of a revised version of the conference outline.

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

- Finalisation of job descriptions for all staff.
- Design of a more activities based SIPRI budget.
- IT Task Force reports.