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SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Solna, 21 March 2017

MINUTES

Participants

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

1. Minutes approval

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

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

- A quote has been received for the Chinese translation of the Yearbook.
- The issue of missed Yearbook chapter deadlines in-house has been brought up with the persons concerned by Stephanie.

3. Report back

- Stephanie suggests an early SMT discussion planning for next year's Yearbook process. This was endorsed.
- The Annual Review for 2016 is soon ready for printing.
- A discussion is ongoing as to whether SIPRI could do a report on the effects of the target of 2% military spending of GDP among NATO countries.
- The Swedish MFA has agreed to disburse additional funds for the May Forum for further participants from the global south.
- SIPRI has won a Dutch 80 000 € MFA grant for a desk study for issues within the A & D Cluster.
- The Governor of the Hiroshima Prefecture will visit SIPRI on 5 May.

4. Staffing and Projects

- Interviews for the positions in editorial, the Mali project and the Climate & Security project are ongoing.

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5. Cluster research strategies

- It was agreed that each DoS will draft a 2-3 pages Cluster Research strategy by mid April. These will serve as background papers for a discussion with the Governing Board. All three Clusters will have meetings to discuss the matter early April.

6. Interns

- There is an increasing demand to host interns at SIPRI. This is a sign of growth but it also represents challenges on space, equipment, support, mentoring etc.
- Given that this is an important investment for SIPRI it was agreed these 'recruitments' should be treated strategically and that more proper planning should be done of when, how many, which backgrounds etc.

7. A possible event with the government of Kazakhstan

- SIPRI has been asked to co-arrange an event with the government of Kazakhstan. Various aspects of such an event, including the theme, were discussed.

8. 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.
- The agenda for the May Governing Board meeting.