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## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 25 April 2017

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Jakob Hallgren, Maria Kaemmerlé, Gary Milante and Dan Smith (first half of the meeting).

#### 1. Minutes approval

- Minutes of the 11 and 18 April meetings were approved with minor changes.

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

- The deadline for the Mid Term Performance Assessments is 10 June.

#### 3. Report back

- Fresh concerns regarding the financing of the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium (over the EU CFSP budget) have emerged. Sibylle will attend a meeting with the EEAS on 28 April on the matter.  
- The 24 April MILEX launch is running well in terms of media pick-up.  
- An in-house process regarding a Middle East Programme at SIPRI will be launched.  
- SIPRI will organize luncheons for potential corporate sponsors at Almedalen, Gotland, in early July. Jan Eliasson has accepted to attend.  
- A closed roundtable meeting with Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Tahkt Ravanchi and Swedish interlocutors at SIPRI on 24 April was very successful.  
- A travel policy for Governing Board members has been drafted and will take effect from 1 May 2017.

#### 4. Staffing and Projects

- It was decided that SIPRI's presence in Beijing will be retained when Su Fei moves to Sweden later in 2017. A new Research Assistant will be recruited.

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- A job description for an Office Assistant was considered and approved. This will be tabled in the Cooperation Group along with a job description for a new Personal Assistant (mainly) for the Director.
- Work is ongoing in the SMT on a 'comments matrix' for the general job description review.

#### 5. Suggested partnership with the European Leadership Network

- An informal request to SIPRI to partner with the European Leadership Network (ELN) has been conveyed. This was assessed as positive and will be welcomed as soon as a more formal invitation is forthcoming.

#### 6. Suggestion from the OSCE to publish through SIPRI channels

- A query from the OSCE Secretary General to publish through SIPRI outlets was welcomed, provided this could be combined with an event and maybe also co-authorship with a SIPRI researcher.

#### 7. Outstanding Stockholm Forum on Peace & Development issues

- A lot of preparations have been made and everything important is on track. Some last minute fine tuning of the programme was discussed.

#### 8. The 28 April RSC agenda

- Issues related to the agenda (staff representation on the Board, the Board meeting agenda, Mid Term Performance Assessment Reviews) were discussed.

#### 9. Read-out from Dan's meeting with State Secretary Annika Söder

- Issues that come out of the meeting with MFA State Secretary Annika Söder on 21 April were discussed, including the September Security Conference, which was endorsed, and the future of SIPRI dialogue activities.

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

- Design of a more activities based SIPRI budget.