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SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Solna, 16 May 2017

MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer (part of the meeting), Stephanie Blenckner, Jakob Hallgren, Maria Kaemmerlé and Dan Smith.

1. Minutes approval

- Minutes of the 16 May meeting were approved without changes.

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

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3. Report back

- Governing Board members were very pleased with the 22 – 23 May Board meeting.
- SMT will address the operational follow-up of the Board meeting once the minutes are finalized.
- The farewell and welcome reception, for Sven-Olof Peterson and Jan Eliasson respectively, on 29 May went very well. A lesson is that we need to invite more guests earlier.
- Preparations are underway to create a network of Swedish philanthropists under the auspices of Jan Eliasson's chairmanship.
- The future of the Yearbook will be discussed at the next RSC on 8 June. A memo outlining a revamp is being finalized.
- The state of play of the IT strategy was reviewed.
- SIPRI has received yet another donation from Senior Corporate Advisor Per Taube; a spending plan is still to be worked out.

4. Staffing and Projects

- The advertisements for the Personal Assistant and the Office Assistant were discussed. Timing will be finalized at the HR group meeting on Friday 2 June.

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5. The EU Non-Proliferation Consortium

- The latest developments regarding the preparation for a third phase of the Consortium were considered, including finances, membership and the annual conference/meeting. Unfortunately, many of these issues are still unclear and not ripe for decision.

6. Cooperation with the Clingendael Institute

- Suggested topics for substantive collaboration from the Clingendael Institute were considered (Russia, Nato and human mobility). SIPRI will in turn suggest some other topics (informal economies and OBOR). The intention is to find issues for joint research and funding.

7. Hiroshima Round Table

- SIPRI has been invited to attend this annual event on 1 – 2 August. Sibylle Bauer is available. There might also be a second SIPRI participant.

8. AOB

- SIPRI's Guidelines for Ethical Due Diligence on financial sponsorship will be activated regarding a request by one SIPRI researcher to participate in a small consultancy for the US funded 'Minerva Research Initiative'.

9. Items carried forward for future agenda

- Strategic look at researchers' transition from temporary to permanent positions.
- Job descriptions.