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## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 5 September 2017

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Maria Kaemmerlé, Jakob Hallgren and Dan Smith.

#### 1. Minutes approval

- Minutes of the 29 August meeting were approved without changes.

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

- Jakob had been in contact with Ian A regarding a project on the assessment of European military capabilities. Jakob will contact the Swedish MFA for possible funding.

#### 3. Report back

- The EUNPC conference in December was discussed.
- The agreement with WEF on the re-publication of SIPRI data and analysis is making progress.
- Ms Christina Ekberg is temporarily replacing Cynthia as Dan's PA.
- An audit on procurement irregularities with SIPRI's Malian partner organization CONASCIPAL was concluded, and measures were taken by both SIPRI and CONASCIPAL to restore confidence and prevent a repeat.
- Jakob, Grégory and Aurélien attended the launch of a joint SIPRI – DCAF EU funded project on the Sahel (Niger and Chad).
- SIPRI is in discussions with the HD Centre on how to relate to parallel projects in Mali.

#### 4. Staffing and Projects

- A reshuffle in the Communications team was discussed on the basis of a memo prepared by Stephanie.
- The recruitment of the Nuclear Researcher was about to be wrapped up, some references had still to be taken.
- The number of current recruitments will necessitate a room re-allocation.

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#### 5. Budget re-forecast

- The financial situation had improved since the last budget forecast after Q1. However, some outstanding fundraising is needed.
- SIPRI's challenge the last few years have been to reach a break-even. It was agreed we must move towards a situation where we rebuild the reserves, today precariously low.

#### 6. The September Security Conference 2018

- Dan gave a read-out from a meeting with Swedish MFA State Secretary Söder about a possible cooperation on the 2018 conference. The conclusion was that more work is needed on both sides.

#### 8. Researchers' transition from temporary to permanent contracts, initial thoughts.

- A first scoping discussion was held where some key parameters were identified. Dan asked Jakob to put these on paper for the continued discussion.

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

- The values discussion.
- The role of the Cluster coordinators