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SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

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MINUTES

Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Jakob Hallgren, Maria Kaemmerlé, Gary Milante, Lora Saalman and Dan Smith.

1. Minutes approval

- Minutes of the 5 September meeting were approved without changes.

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

- Dr Lora Saalman was welcomed to her first SMT meeting as Director of Studies for the Conflicts and Peace Cluster.

3. Report back

- Alexander Avanessov, UNDP Global PVE (Preventing Violent Extremism) Program Coordinator was scheduled to visit SIPRI on 13 September.

- An expert meeting on the DPRK at SIPRI is tentatively planned for 29 September.

- The final planning for the 13 -15 September Security Conference was on track.

- SIPRI has offered the Swedish Mission in NY to co-organise a side event at the end of October on military spending in Sub-Saharan Africa.

- The tentative dates for the 2018 Peace & Development Forum are 25 - 27 April.

- EU member states have agreed on a draft formal decision for the Non-Proliferation Consortium for 42 months 2018 - 2021, but will still formally consider new potential Consortium members at their 3 October 'CONOP' meeting.

4. Staffing and Projects

- The recruitment of two new editors is ongoing.

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- The recruitment of a new Office Assistant will take slightly longer than expected.
- A Taiwanese Fellow, in addition to two from mainland China who are already confirmed, will be welcomed to SIPRI.
- Job descriptions for researchers are being finalized.
- The recruitment of one, or possibly two, Nuclear Researchers is being finalized.

5. The role of Cluster Coordinators

- A discussion was held about a memo which had been prepared by the three Cluster Coordinators on how they defined their tasks, and what they thought was needed to fulfil these tasks.
- SMT found the memo very useful; Dan will reply in writing.

6. Draft IT strategy

- A discussion was held about a draft three-year IT strategy developed by Magda.
- The strategy was considered a good piece of work and was largely endorsed. Given the three-year life of the strategy, annual budget discussions will have an effect on how quickly it can be implemented.
- Progress against the strategy will be reviewed by SMT in December 2017, and information on the progress will be shared with all staff.

8. Researchers' transition from temporary to permanent contracts.

- The agenda point was postponed.

9. AOB

- The Africa Programme proposal was discussed again. Lora and Gary will keep close contact about its further elaboration.

10. Items carried forward for future agenda

- The values discussion.