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## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM AWAY DAY**

Ulriksdal, 17 October 2017

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

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

#### 1. Minutes approval

- Minutes of the 10 October meeting were approved without changes.

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

- The dates for the 2018 Forum on Peace and Development seem to be back to the end of April but they are unfortunately not yet confirmed.  
- The Performance Assessment and Development (PAD) talks will be initiated in the week starting 23 October.  
- The recruitment of Lora's successor as DoS will be made both internally and externally.

#### 3. Report back

- The relation with the World Food Programme (WFP) is developing, both a concept note and a MoU will be produced on how SIPRI can assist them on peace and security issues.  
- Dan's trip to Saudi Arabia and Oman was successful and important contacts were taken in view of the establishment of a MENA programme.  
- Gary has talked on financing for peace at an Alliance for Peacebuilding event at USIP in Washington which led to an invitation to the Colombian government.  
- The Knowledge Platform Security & Rule of Law in the Hague invites proposals for funding in January. This is of interest for all clusters.  
- The so called 'Geneva Peace Week' is held 6 - 10 November.  
- Dan and Gary will meet ACLED, PRIO and Brookings on 15 November to discuss the development of a database on 'irregular political violence'.  
- There are currently 30 proposals for sessions at the Peace and Development Forum.

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- A suggestion to enter in partnership with a university outside Shanghai was endorsed.

#### 4. Cluster Research Strategies

- A discussion was held on how to best reflect SIPRI's geographically focused research and research on Peace Support Operations in the Cluster structure. It was concluded that the Conflicts and Peace Cluster will host the key focal points, but that the issues naturally span over the two other Clusters as well.
- It was decided the three Cluster strategies will be finalized and put into one overarching Institute Research Strategy.

#### 5. Budget 2018

- Two draft budgets were considered and a list of principles were agreed. These included a tentative aim for the turn-over, the addition to the reserves, the overhead rate and the desired average external salary coverage.
- A list of potential staff related expansion needs were considered as well as necessary investments. These will now be deliberated upon as a draft budget will be prepared for the Board to consider at its meeting on 20 November.

#### 6. The three big SIPRI conferences in 2018

- Of the three big SIPRI conferences scheduled for 2018 the planning of the Forum is well underway. A discussion was held on the themes and staffing of the envisaged June conference on Baltic and Nordic security and the October Stockholm Security Conference.

#### 7. New Board members

- New Governing Board members are needed in view of the upcoming change of the statutes and the end of current terms. A list of potential names was established which will be taken to Jan for his consideration.

#### 8. Job Descriptions – outstanding issues

- Final outstanding issues regarding the researchers job descriptions were covered. The finalised JD's will be circulated shortly and before the 2018 Performance Assessment and Development Process starts.

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

- Applications to the Wallenberg Foundations in 2018.