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## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT MEETING**

Solna, 7 November 2017

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

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

#### 1. Minutes approval

- Minutes of the 24 October meeting were approved without changes.

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

- Dates for the Peace and Development Forum are now finally confirmed to 7 – 9 May 2018.  
- The proposal for strategic funding for 2017 – 2019 will be considered by the MFA in two separate decisions, one for 2017 before the end of the year and one for 2018 – 2019 thereafter.  
- Preparedness to report on 2017 activities under the Swedish Programme funding for Clusters 1 and 2 was discussed. A report will be drafted.

#### 3. Report back

- Reporting from the 2017 Security Conference will take the shape of relevant video clips and films, no formal report will be issued.  
- Potential date for the 2018 Conference on Baltic Safety and Security is 18 June.  
- Jan chaired a luncheon in the ‘SIPRI Circle’ on 27 October with good vibes among the present and potential benefactors.  
- SIPRI might organize an event with Nobel Prize laureate ICAN on 14 December.  
- SIPRI hosted a successful expert meeting on how to push for Climate Change and Risk awareness and reporting in the UN system on 23 – 24 October. This format, with direct policy related feedback to the MFA, is emerging as a model for policy formulation within the MFA.  
- The Arab translation of the Yearbook will be launched at the Swedish Institute in Alexandria on 17 – 18 December.

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- Dan met with the D-G of Sida on 2 November, issues covered were human mobility, climate change and risk and food security.
- Gary and Dan are organizing a meeting at Brookings in DC on 15 November on 'Irregular Political Violence' and how to potentially map it.

#### 4. Staffing and Projects

- Interviews with candidates for the position as PA to the Director will be held by the end of November.
- It has unfortunately proven difficult to recruit a second editor, therefore external consultants will be used.
- A slight expansion and re-organisation of the 'Operations' team proposed by Maria was discussed. The broad direction was endorsed.

#### 5. The EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium Conference

- Sibylle presented the draft 1.5 day programme for the 12 – 13 December conference and the plans for the network meeting pre-event on 11 December. All preparations are well advanced and on track.

#### 6. Draft budget 2018

- Maria presented the draft 2018 budget in view of endorsement by the Board at its meeting on 20 November.
- An unusually high proportion of next year's projected income is already secured. A substantial increase in turn-over is also planned as well as an amount intended to build up the reserve. It is looking quite good.

#### 7. AOB

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

- SIPRI Attribution Policy
- Training of SIPRI Line Managers, including on values.
- Re-Assessment of the SIPRI Publications Programme.