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SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Solna, 8 March 2016

MINUTES

Participants

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1. Minutes approval

The minutes of the 9 February meeting were approved with minor adjustments.

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

- The moving coordinator Ms Anna Steorn is following up on loose ends after the renovation with Maria.
- A candidate for the Head of China Programme position will be interviewed at SIPRI on 16 March.
- A meeting has been held with an expert on ethical due diligence and a draft protocol will be developed for the purpose.
- Work is progressing on the job descriptions for the Directors of Studies.

3. Report back

- The World Bank has expressed interest in establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SIPRI for joint work.
- The UNHCR has expressed interest in tasking SIPRI for work on preparedness in the context of the 'protection cluster'.
- A surge in SIPRI public events has shown that stricter adherence to a protocol is necessary for when events are planned and scheduled.
- The SIPRI Annual Report for 2015 has been submitted to the MFA. Trade unions have been informed and an all staff meeting will be held.
- The financial department is currently streamlining and developing routines.

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- Dr Radha Kumar was appointed as a new Board member on 25 February.
- SIPRI is in discussions with the MFA about additional funds to absorb the effects of the new collective agreement for the researchers.
- The Deputy Director is a member of a Swedish government commission on disarmament and international law. It met for the first time on 1 March.
- The overview of all formats of the SIPRI online and print publications will be discussed separately in a communications meeting.
- The 22 February anniversary inauguration event was considered a resounding success.

4. Staffing

- On-going recruitment, including the Mali and Head of China Programme positions, and externally funded research opportunities were discussed.

5. Fellowships

- It was decided that Professor Julian Cooper and Mr Hans Kristensen will be offered appointments as SIPRI Associates.

6. Information and Communications Technology (ICT)

- A three year programme for reform of the ICT infrastructure will be elaborated. A stakeholder group will be formed to take this forward.

7. Outreach budget

- Draft expanded budgets for Communications, Editorial and beyond will be reviewed. A strategic expansion of SIPRI's outreach activities is currently the working assumption for efforts to raise philanthropic funds for SIPRI.

8. Think-tank rating

- The analysis of the 2015 think-tank rating is that SIPRI's drop in the ranking will be temporary and that it had nothing to do with its research or output, but rather with old rumours about the situation at SIPRI two or three years ago.

9. Items carried forward for future agenda

- The agenda for the May Governing Board meeting.

- The revised SIPRI statutes.
- The future focus of the China / Asia Programme and the Beijing Office.
- Whether SIPRI should aspire to coordinate an EU Horizon 2020 project.