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## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 15 March 2016

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

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#### 1. Minutes approval

The minutes of the 8 March meeting were approved with minor adjustments.

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

- A policy for decorations on the walls in the offices was decided. It can be summarized as 'it has to be framed and it has to be put up by the SIPRI janitor'.
- The exhibit of photos in the mid level corridor will be upgraded (frames) and progressively expanded.
- An expanded outreach budget for Communications, Editorial and beyond, has been discussed and is in the process of being finalised.

#### 3. Report back

- It was decided that an all staff meeting on finances will be held on 23 March.
- The pipeline of grant applications is currently positive.
- No quota for a maximum of SIPRI events per month in Stockholm will be set, but resource limitations and potential impact will be assessed in each case.
- A delegation from the Japanese MFA will visit SIPRI on 18 March for a discussion on possible cooperation.
- The Italian Institute on International Affairs will visit SIPRI end May for a discussion on joint approaches on the European refugee crisis and its security implications and a public event.

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#### 4. Staffing

- No issues were discussed.

#### 5. The agenda for the Annual Governing Board meeting

- A draft agenda was discussed, tentatively including Procedures, the Director's and Deputy Director's report, the Statutes, the Institute Strategy and new Board members.
- A discussion was held on how to arrange interaction between Board members and staff during their stay at SIPRI.

#### 6. Board membership – new possible candidates

- A discussion mapping the need for new Board members were held, no decisions were taken.

#### 7. Horizon 2020 application: go/no-go as Consortium lead?

- It was decided that consortium lead for SIPRI in EU projects should not be precluded per se, however it was currently premature to seek this role.

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

- The revised SIPRI statutes.
- The future focus of the China / Asia Programme and the Beijing Office.