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## **SIPRI SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING**

Solna, 15 June 2016

### **MINUTES**

#### Participants

Stephanie Blenckner, Jakob Hallgren, Maria Kaemmerlé, Dan Smith

#### 1. Minutes approval

The minutes of the 30 May meeting were approved with minor changes.

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

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#### 3. Report back

- The 1 June event with the Iranian Foreign Minister went well, follow-up is in motion with IPIS in Teheran.
- The 13 June nuclear data launch went very well.
- The launch of the new website went beyond all expectations, on time and below budget.
- The management of an upcoming Dutch think tank tender was discussed.
- Work has been initiated to update the peace operations database.

#### 4. Staffing and project issues

- Interviews of candidates for the three positions as Directors of Studies will take place in late August, external reviewers will be consulted in the process.
- It was decided that Maria will draft a proposal regarding the promotion and performance assessment processes at SIPRI.
- It was decided that ambassador Michael Sahlin will be offered the position as Distinguished Associate Fellow to the European Security Programme.

#### 5. Secure Cities Conference

- A lot of issues are still outstanding and much work is still needed to ensure success.

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**6. Almedalen 2016**

- SIPRI will be present in Almedalen, in an attempt to reach out to Swedish philanthropists and industry leaders.

**7. Senior Management summer planning**

- Vacation plans and Senior Management accessibility during the summer vacation period was decided, an all staff email with information will be sent.

**8. Strategy regarding the core grant 2017 and onwards**

- It was decided that efforts will be made to inform MFA Senior leadership about SIPRI priorities, in view of upcoming government budget negotiations.

**9. SIPRI budget priorities 2017**

- A first discussion on preliminary priorities for the 2017 SIPRI budget was held.

**10. Items carried forward for future agenda**

- Follow-up on the 27 May ambassadorial fundraising luncheon.