

## SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

21 February 2023

### MINUTES

#### Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Jannie Lilja, Kristina Sandberg (second half of the meeting only), Dan Smith, Luc van de Goor, Joakim Vaverka

#### Note-taker

Sepideh Soltaninia

#### Format

Hybrid meeting

#### **1. Minutes**

- SMT has yet to approve the minutes of the 15 February meeting.

#### **2. Report back**

##### **a. Sweden**

- The Stockholm Hub Working Group met on 15 February. The Hub will organize a meeting with briefings for Swedish Parliamentarians in April.
- The Cooperation Group held its first meeting of 2023 on 16 February.
- Luc participated in a dinner at the Japanese Ambassador's residence on 16 February.
- Steph and Sepideh met with a member of Telia's sustainability team to discuss private sector fundraising.
- Dan and Joakim will meet with Jan Knutsson, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, today.
- The report for the previous Strategic Grant was submitted yesterday. The application for the new Strategic Grant is being finalised.
- Joakim and Sibylle will meet with the MFA's Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Department on 22 February.
- Dan will meet with Robert Rydberg, the new Swedish Ambassador for Climate and Security on 22 February.

##### **b. International**

- On 16 February, Jannie, Ian and Jiayi met with researchers from the Japanese National Institute for Defence Studies.

##### **c. Relations with other organizations**

- Stefan and Dan, accompanied by Sepideh, attended the Munich Security Conference from 17-19 February. While there, Dan attended some 30 bilateral meetings, events and

media interviews. This included three SIPRI co-organized events, and bilateral meetings with Susanne Baumann, Secretary of State at the German Federal Foreign Office; General Badia, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation at NATO; and Matt Browne, Head of Government Affairs (Europe) at Apple. Apple is interested in cooperation with SIPRI on cyber issues.

**d. Outreach**

- The Prime Minister of Romania will speak at an invitation-only event at SIPRI on 31 March from 14:30 – 16:00. He will also be interviewed for a spotlight video.
- The Arms Transfers data launch is scheduled for 13 March; preparations are on schedule.
- In March, SIPRI will release a series of videos, commentaries and reports to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the invasion of Iraq.

**3. Institutional Risk Management**

- SMT discussed SIPRI's institutional risk management areas.

**4. Staffing and project issues**

- Sibylle will be in Berlin next week for meetings with the German MFA.
- Sepideh will follow up with HR on the next intern(s) sponsored by the Korea Foundation.
- The AD cluster will have two interns (one in-person, one partly in-person) during the second half of 2023.

**Action items:**

- Sepideh to follow up with HR on the next intern sponsored by the Korea Foundation.

**Items carried forward:**

- Discussion on the SSC.