



## SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

30 April 2024

### MINUTES

#### Participants

Sibylle Bauer, Stephanie Blenckner, Florian Krampe, Kristina Sandberg, Dan Smith, Luc van de Goor, Joakim Vaverka

#### Note-taker

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#### Format

Hybrid meeting

#### **1. Minutes**

- SMT approved the minutes of the 24 April meeting.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

- Operations is working on completing an application for SIPRI to receive tax-exempt donations.

#### **3. Report back**

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

- Sweden's Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Johan Forsell, will visit SIPRI on 19 June.
- Dan met with the Irish Ambassador on 25 April. The Embassy expressed interest in modestly funding the Stockholm Security Conference (SSC).
- Dan met with the German Ambassador on 26 April to discuss funding for the SSC. Germany will not provide funding for the conference.
- Dan met with the Ambassador of Kazakhstan on 29 April to discuss a proposal from the MILAP team. The Ambassador reacted positively to the proposal and will discuss it with Astana.

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

- Dan has been invited to the NATO Allied Foresight Conference in Helsinki on 11 June. A team from NATO Deputy Supreme Allied Command – Transformation will visit SIPRI on 10 June before travelling further on to Helsinki.
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##### **c. Relations with other organizations**

- On 29 April, Luc, Jingdong, Fei, and Jiayi met with GOPA, a German company interested in SIPRI joining them for a tender related to an EU project opportunity called the "EU-China

International Development Platform". The project entails a series of research activities aimed at generating evidence-based analysis on China's evolving and expanding role in international development.

- Stephanie will be in Berlin from 1-3 May for a public event and policy briefings co-organized with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES). The public event brings together participants from previous SIPRI-FES discussions on climate justice in Latin America and West Africa.

**d. Outreach**

- Preparations for the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development are well underway.
- The MILEX programme continues to conduct interviews, following the data launch, which took place on 22 April.

**e. Operations**

- Operations continues to work on the financial report for the Governing Board.

**4. HR issues**

- SMT discussed cluster coordination and contracts that are expiring before or during the summer period.

**5. Project issues**

- N/A

**6. Due diligence**

- N/A

**7. AOB**

- SMT discussed lunch options for visiting groups.

**8. Executive session**

- N/A

**Action items:**

- N/A

**Follow-up items:**

- Potential programme on foresight
- Moving allowance
- Yearbook
- PAD Talks
- Internships