

## Monday morning meeting

11 November 2024

### Notes

#### Director's office

- RSC on Tuesday at 14:30. We would still like a volunteer to take the minutes. Please let Priscilla know if you can serve as minute-taker.

#### Operations

PMO:

- Congratulations to three teams for successful concluding of projects:
  - Governance of Artificial Intelligence team with Laura as PM for concluding the project "LAWS – phase IV 'Towards a two-tiered regulation of AWS? Identifying limits and requirements on the development and use of AWS through a scenario exercise' (170.688 EUR, 3 donors/contracts, (Swiss MFA, Swedish MFA, Dutch MFA) used all the budget)
  - DUAT team with Kolja for concluding the project "MTCR II" (197.413 EUR, GFFO, used all the budget)
  - MILAP team with Diego as PM for concluding the project "Improving military expenditure transparency in Colombia" (244.963 USD, OSF Colombia, used all the budget)
- Reminder for each member of staff to manage their "Favorites" in Maconomy Timesheets, manual has been sent to staff.
- Reminder that per diem claims should always include (have attached):
  - boarding passes
  - event agenda or similar document (even email) proving the presence
  - should follow necessary deductions of meals when applicable, so that we comply with donors' terms, and the Tax Authorities' regulations. Following these instructions will decrease internal administrative burden.

GAD:

- Congratulations to the Governance of Artificial Intelligence team for securing the first part of the funding of Limits on Autonomy in Weapon Systems (LAWS) - Phase V with the Swiss MFA for 56 500 EUR, representing a third of the total budget of 170 000 EUR.

#### Outreach

- Thank you for a very good Fundraising Coordination meeting – while we finalize the product list, just a reminder that Joey, Marti and Steph are really happy to talk and engage with you **long before** you submit your funding proposal to sound out good ideas for your outputs, your type of events and other materials.

#### Armament and Disarmament

- Sibylle, Lucas, Kolja, Katarina and Wilfred will be in Brussels for the EUNPDC Annual Conference on 12-14 November. Katarina will chair a panel on challenges of conventional arms control; Sibylle will provide closing remarks and Wilfred will also chair a panel in a workshop connected to the conference, as part of the Young Women and Next Generation Initiative.
- On 12 November, Mark will be in Paris for a meeting of the Pall Mall Process. This is a UK-France initiative aimed at tackling the proliferation and misuse of cyber spyware tools.

- On 14 November, Pieter will participate in a workshop on 'Sanctions Against Non-State Armed Groups', organized by the International Institute Strategic Studies -Europe in Berlin.
- On 17 November, the Swedish Effective Altruism community 2024 annual meeting will include a conversation lead by Pieter about 'Armament Dynamics and the risk of Great Power War: capturing the data we need'
- Vivianne will attend a conference in Stockholm called 'Framing the Future: A Collaborative Summit on AI Policy and Governance' organized by Mila (based in Quebec) and the AI Policy Lab (based in Umeå)
- Vincent will join (online) a two-day meeting of the Global Commission on Responsible Use of AI in the Military Domain.

### **Conflict Peace and Security**

- Later today, Jingdong will be meeting an analyst from Australia's Office of National Intelligence at the Australian Embassy.
- On Tuesday, Fei and Jingdong will be meeting Swedish MFA officials organized by Sibylle.
- On Thursday:
  - A delegation from the China Institutes of International Studies will visit SIPRI to discuss EU-China relations and developments in the Indo-Pacific.
  - Jingdong will also serve as a discussant at an event organized by the Korean Embassy and the Stockholm School of Economics on recent developments on the Korean Peninsula.
- The Peace Operations and Conflict Management Programme in collaboration with the Permanent Representation of Poland to the EU, is organizing a seminar in Brussels entitled 'Towards a more strategic civilian CSDP: Strengthening EU civilian crisis management in a new era of geopolitics and risks'. Barbara will give the closing remarks. The PSC even rescheduled a meeting to ensure the PSC Chair and ambassadors can attend!
- Barbara will be in Berlin and Brussels all week, with plenty of meetings.
- Last week (Thursday), Claudia was a panelist at the Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Network on Peace Operations. The Panel's title was 'Peace Operations: Perspectives on Brazil's place in what lies ahead' and she was joined by a representative from the Brazilian MFA and an Admiral from the Brazilian Navy. On Wednesday, she will present on our database at an ACLED organized meeting on conflict data.

### **Peace and Development**

- The second informal brown bag seminar on AI Tools in Research will take place today from 12:00 – 13:00 in the Conference Room. The objective is to provide a relaxed space to discuss the use of 'AI tools' (broadly interpreted, including LLMs and machine learning etc.) in our research.