

Monday morning meeting

3 March 2025

Notes

Director's Office

- Last week Charlotta was in Lund and met with Peter Lundberg, the Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights (RWI). Among other things, they compared notes on how to navigate in the increasingly competitive and challenging funding environment. Peter Lundberg also informed about the RWI's International Humanitarian Law Compliance Monitoring Database (ICMD) initiative. The concept is to create a database on current and alleged IHL violations taking place around the world by armed actors, with the aim is to create an information base that will help enable and improve IHL knowledge, analysis, training, advocacy, and accountability. The team working on this, would be interested in setting up a meeting with SIPRI to learn from our experiences of managing databases. DO will be reaching out to relevant colleagues to check availability for such a meeting.
- The Foreign Ministry has reached out to request a half-a-day briefing for the Ministry's Diplomatic Training Programme. If possible, they would like this to take place on March 31st. DO will follow up also on this.
- On Tuesday, Charlotta will meet with the Ambassador of Uzbekistan, who is coming to SIPRI for a courtesy visit. Katarina and Jiayi will join this meeting.

Outreach

- The China/Asia Security Programme is running a two half-day symposium on Nordic-Japan security cooperation on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 March. Staff will receive an invitation to attend today.
- Our newsletter is now also available as a subscription-based LinkedIn newsletter - with links to the website, articles, support page and more. We have gained over 600 subscribers in the first hour alone .

Operations

- SIPRI now has agreed on a new Environmental Policy. It was drafted by a representative ad hoc group, with members from all departments and then checked by the Cooperation group and then back to SMT for a final approval. Big thank you to the drafting team which comprised Luariane, Gretchen, Lucas, Sepideh, Vitaly (for the first part of the work), and Karen Meijer.
- We have updated the Moving Cost Guidelines. The changes in the guidelines include a clarification that in order to get coverage for the moving costs, you need to have a two-year contract or longer. For shorter contracts there will be a case-by-case evaluation.
- Both the new policy and the guidelines will be published on the intranet this week.

GAD:

- Congratulations to Barbara, Mathew and Florian for securing funding to start their project on *Strategic Stability and Regional Security on NATO's new Northern Flank*, with a 300,000 SEK commitment from the Swedish Armed Forces.
- For coordination purposes, all communications to GAD must be addressed to Fred with the general email grantsmanager@sipri.org in cc.

Armament and Disarmament

- Wilfred will go to Brussels this week to brief European External Action Service on risk reduction issues

- Vlad to virtually brief colleagues at Nagasaki University on Thursday about the AI-nuclear nexus.

Conflict, Peace and Security

- China/Asia Security Programme is running a two half-day symposium on Nordic-Japan security cooperation, 6-7 March. Programme agenda to be distributed to staff on Monday.
- On Tuesday, Fei will join as a panel speaker at the Geneva Dialogue virtual masterclass on responsible behaviour of private actors during peace- and wartime.
- This morning Gretchen is joining an Expert Roundtable on Tech and Gendered Violence: Harm and Hope. Defining Priorities for Action organized by EPFL EssentialTech Centre.

Peace and Development

- SIPRI (FPS Programme) was awarded a Long-Term Agreement with the World Food Programme, for the provision of Research Services. While there are no funds attached to the LTA as such, it allows us to tap into existing research funds for research with WFP.