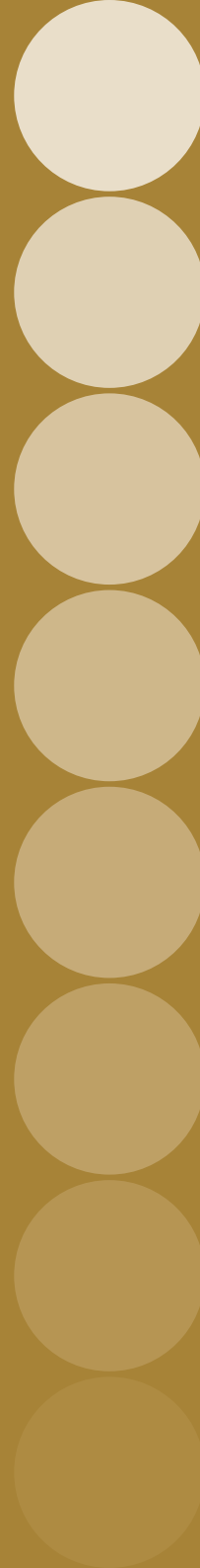


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WELCOME

Welcome to SIPRI's 2017 Annual Review.

Risks to peace and security continued to increase in 2017. Nuclear weapons returned to the fore as they did in the 1980s, violent armed conflicts persist in many regions and the challenges posed by emerging military technologies erode safeguards of global peace.

SIPRI continues to adapt its work to meet this ever-changing global threat environment. The Institute remains unwavering in its mission to study and reflect on the range of risks to peace in the world. To this end, the number of research staff continues to grow, and the teams researching climate security, emerging technologies and nuclear weapons were reinforced during 2017.

In parallel with its world-renowned databases, SIPRI has continued to promote dialogue as a necessary step to finding solutions for peace. Events attracting diverse international participation such as the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development and the Stockholm Security Conference are annual fixtures alongside SIPRI's active series of discussion-led seminars.

To facilitate engagement with the Institute's research, SIPRI's outreach efforts matured further in 2017, and global media coverage increased with visibility in 140 countries. Encouragingly, SIPRI's film content has been viewed for a total of 49 continuous days.

In the current climate, objective, evidence-based and reliable analysis is much needed. SIPRI remains committed to enhancing the opportunity for every policy maker, opinion leader and individual to pursue the conditions for peaceful solutions to conflicts and the road to stable, sustainable peace.

Towards peace,

Dan Smith
Director

January 2017

SIPRI hosts a workshop on 'Russia–China rapprochement and its impact on Asia and Europe'. The workshop attracted a diverse range of participants from 15 countries. Discussions covered non-traditional and traditional security challenges, including energy and development, cyberspace and terrorism, and nuclear and space development.

ASIAN AND EUROPEAN SECURITY DYNAMICS IN FOCUS

As the year began with uncertainty surrounding the United States' foreign policy direction under its new President, Russia and China's growing cooperation in a number of key strategic areas became a topic of significant interest. This was coupled with a renewed focus on European cooperation with countries in Asia—not least through China's Belt and Road Initiative—and the implications of such cooperation for international peace and security.

In January SIPRI responded to these developments by convening a two-day workshop with experts to discuss the rapprochement between Russia and China, and its impact on Asia and Europe. The following month, SIPRI launched a new report considering the security implications of the Silk Road Economic Belt.

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SIPRI publication

Dr Lora Saalman produces the report *Factoring Russia into the US–Chinese equation on hypersonic glide vehicles*

SIPRI news

SIPRI's Arms Trade Treaty database is expanded by the inclusion of both Latin America and the Caribbean

SIPRI publication

SIPRI launches the publication *Reintroducing Disarmament and Cooperative Security to the Toolbox of 21st Century Leaders*

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Session at SIPRI workshop 'Russia–China rapprochement and its impact on Asia and Europe' held on 17–18 January 2017

February 2017

Following the launch of SIPRI's arms transfers data, SIPRI co-hosts an event in Washington, DC, on 'The global arms trade: Assessing trends and future outlook', with expert analysis from Dr Aude Fleurant, Programme Director of SIPRI's Arms and Military Expenditure Programme.

TRACKING ARMS FLOWS AND MILITARY SPENDING

SIPRI's research on arms and military spending has been at the core of the institute's work since its foundation in the 1960s. SIPRI's data on international arms production, transfers and global military spending empowers researchers, policymakers and the public, allowing them to directly assess the current state of the arms industry. SIPRI researchers also analyse the data to identify trends and potential impacts on global security.

This work is largely based on three comprehensive and open-access databases: the Arms Transfers Database, the Arms Industry Database and the Military Expenditure Database. These exemplify SIPRI's core values of transparency and universality as they use only open sources that can be independently checked and include data on nearly every country in the world. SIPRI also provides documents on all arms embargoes since the 1950s and national reports on arms export controls.

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SIPRI event

The Ukrainian language translation of the *SIPRI Yearbook 2015* is launched at an event at the Razumkov Centre in Kyiv, Ukraine

SIPRI event

SIPRI co-hosts the event 'The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: How will we prevent a new era of nuclear testing?'

SIPRI publication

Xenia Avezov, Dr Jaïr van der Lijn and Timo Smit publish the report *African Directions: Towards an Equitable Partnership in Peace Operations*

SIPRI commentary

Dan Smith writes the blog post 'European security in its winter of discontent' based on his insights from the 2017 Munich Security Conference

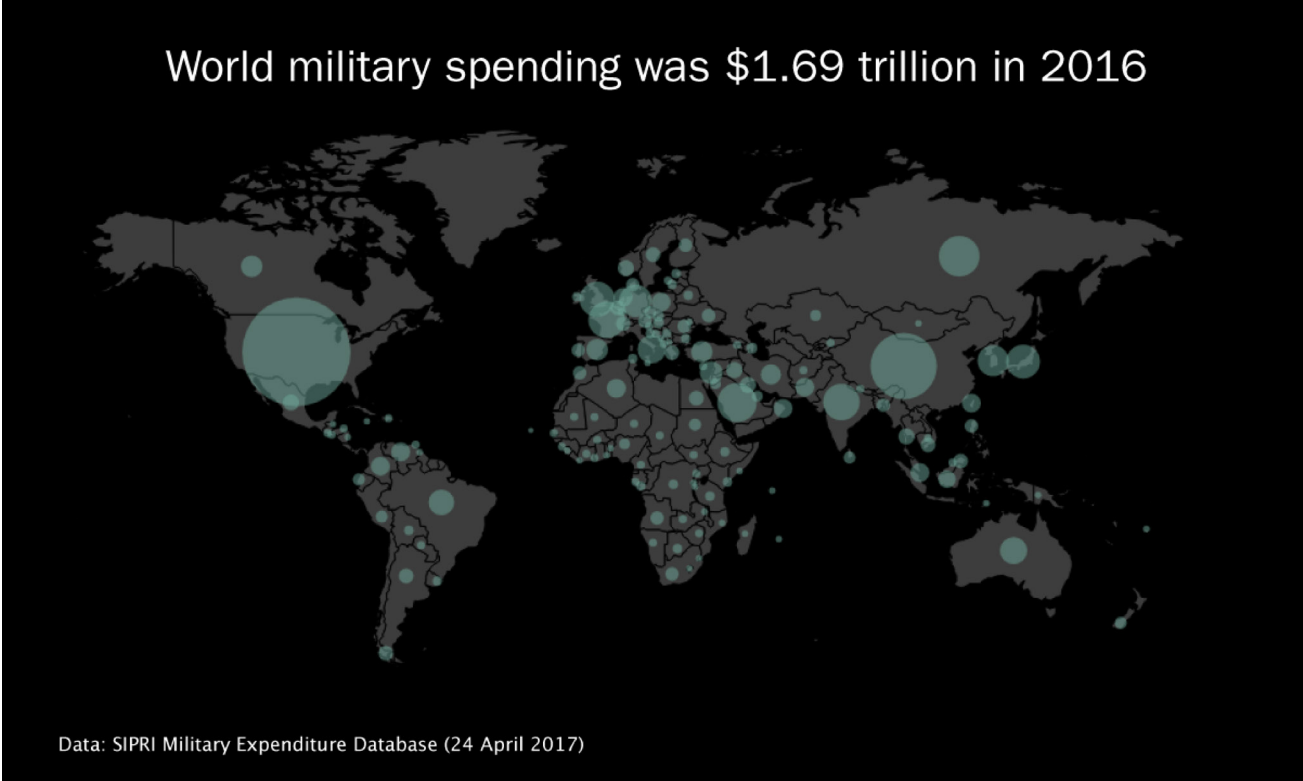
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SIPRI data shows that total world military expenditure rose to \$1.69 trillion in 2016, an increase of 0.4 per cent in real terms from 2015
Data: SIPRI Military Expenditure Database (accessed 24 April 2017)
Note: All figures are approximate

March 2017

SIPRI launches the new short-film series, 'Spotlight', featuring experts from a diverse range of disciplines in the field of peace and security. The films seek to capture an array of viewpoints that will stimulate further discussions.

PERCEPTIONS OF PEACE IN MALI

Despite the peace agreement concluded between the Malian Government and two coalitions of armed groups in 2015, the factors causing instability in Mali continue to evolve. Despite the efforts of the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), the alleged success of the French Operation Serval (2013) and the ongoing Operation Barkhane, new groups of armed non-state actors have emerged in Mali. During 2017 the frequency of attacks increased and insecurity reached the central regions of the country.

Against this backdrop, SIPRI continued its in-country work in Mali in 2017 with the Bamako-based organization CONASCIPAL (National Coalition of Civil Society for Peace and the Fight against the Proliferation of Light Weapons). Together, SIPRI and CONASCIPAL set up a committee in 2017 to establish the first Civil Society White Book for Peace and Security in Mali. With the support of the Embassy of Sweden in Mali, they also launched the Malian Women's Network for Security Council Resolution 1325.

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SIPRI event

With rising tensions over the Iran nuclear deal, SIPRI hosts an event on 'Nuclear multilateralism and Iran: What lessons can be drawn for EU policymakers?'

SIPRI event

SIPRI hosts an event on 'The Silk Road Economic Belt: Security implications and EU-China cooperation prospects'

SIPRI event

SIPRI and CONASCIPAL set up a Committee to establish the first Civil Society White Book for Peace and Security in Mali

SIPRI publication

Fei Su and Dr Lora Salman issue the report *China's engagement of North Korea: Challenges and Opportunities for Europe*

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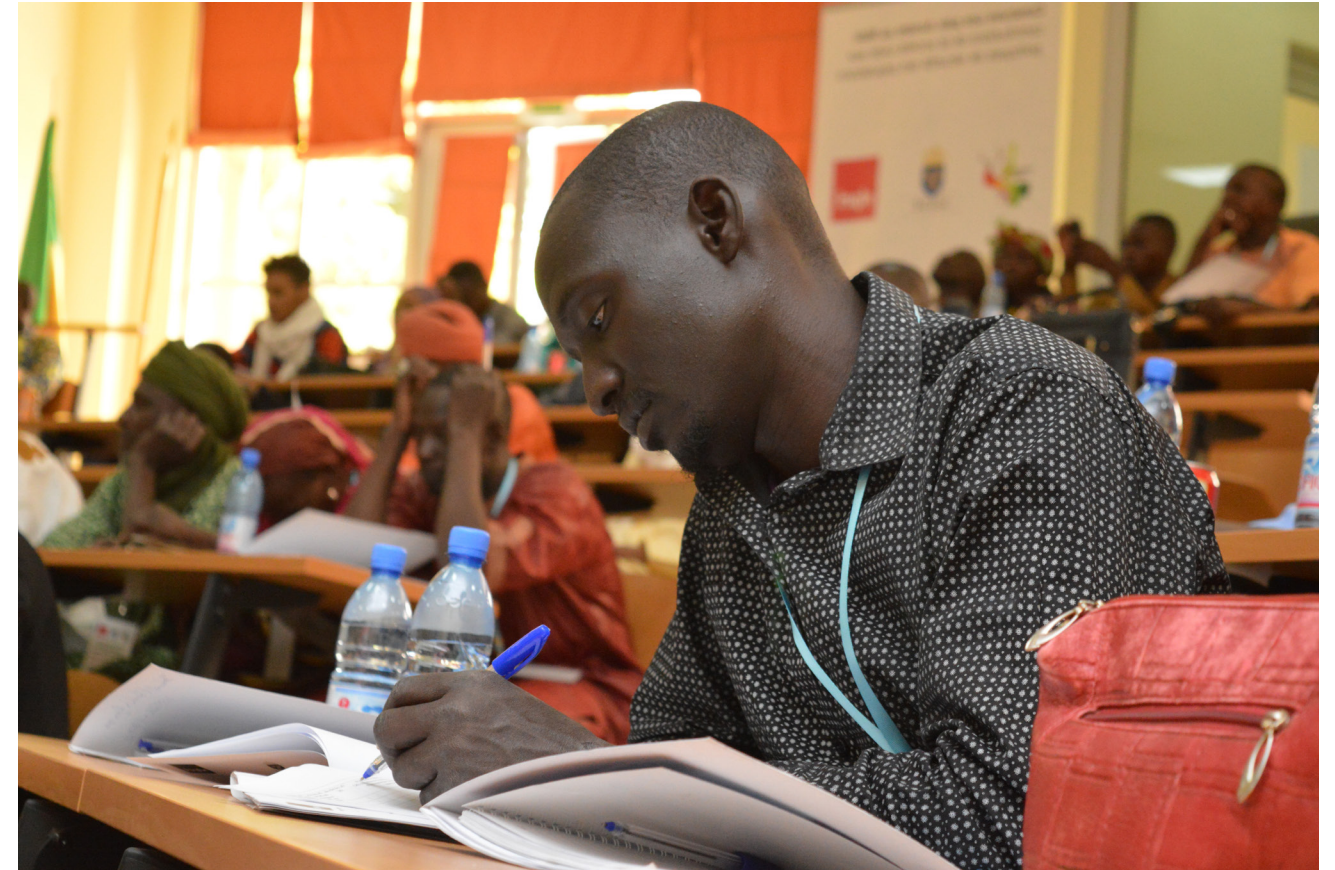
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SIPRI and CONASCIPAL workshop with members of the Monitoring Groups for Peace and Security during the perception mapping study on Malian civil society on peace and security

April 2017

SIPRI launches new data on world military expenditure, showing increases in the USA and Europe, and decreases in most countries with oil-export dependent economies. In 2016 total military spending was estimated to be equivalent to 2.2 per cent of the global gross domestic product.

SIPRI'S GOVERNING BOARD

The SIPRI Governing Board makes decisions on important matters concerning SIPRI's research agenda, organization and financial administration. The Governing Board is headed by the Chair who is appointed directly by the Swedish Government. At the end of April 2017, it was announced that Ambassador Jan Eliasson, former Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, would succeed the outgoing Chair, Ambassador Sven-Olof Petersson. Eliasson formally took up the post on 1 June 2017.

In 2017 there were two further additions to the SIPRI Governing Board: Espen Barth Eide, a Norwegian politician, academic and former UN Special Adviser on Cyprus; and Dr Jessica Tuchman Mathews, a distinguished fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and formerly the President of that organization.

SIPRI event
SIPRI presents its final report on the 'New Geopolitics of Peace Operations II' in New York, following on from events in Addis Ababa and Brussels

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SIPRI outreach
SIPRI launches a new short-film series, 'Peace Points', featuring SIPRI Director, Dan Smith. The series provides starting points for analysis on timely issues related to peace and security

SIPRI event
SIPRI holds an event on 'Europe and Iran after the JCPOA' with HE Dr Majid Takht-Ravanchi, Iran's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Handover reception for Ambassador Jan Eliasson who succeeds Ambassador Sven-Olof Petersson as the Chair of the SIPRI Governing Board, 29 May 2017

May 2017

New SIPRI data on multilateral peace operations shows that while the number of multilateral peace operations remains relatively stable, personnel deployments in peace operations are decreasing.

STOCKHOLM FORUM ON PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

The 2017 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development, co-hosted by SIPRI and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, was held on 3 and 4 May. The annual event has become a major gathering point to share, discuss and problem-solve issues in peace and development by bringing together researchers, policymakers and practitioners from around the globe. The 2017 Stockholm Forum, with the theme ‘Sustaining Peace: What Works’, addressed the UN’s sustaining peace agenda and aimed to apply successful peacebuilding tools to fragile and conflict-affected contexts.

Topics included climate-fragility risks and conflict prevention, engaging the private sector in peacebuilding, preventing violent extremism, and the role of innovation and technology for sustainable solutions. SIPRI produced a series of Policy Briefs as well as recordings of the plenaries and an eight-minute film on the key messages. In the run-up to the event, SIPRI also published a series of blogs on relevant topics with Forum partners.

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SIPRI event

SIPRI hosts a delegation from, and signs a cooperation agreement with, the Hiroshima Prefectural Government, led by Governor Hidehiko Yuzaki

SIPRI event

SIPRI, together with the US Department of State, hosts a two-day Internal Compliance Programme roundtable workshop

SIPRI publication

SIPRI co-authors the report *Global Mapping and Analysis of Anti-vehicle Mine Incidents in 2016*

SIPRI commentary

Dr Lars-Erik Lundin writes the blog post ‘The need for dialogue on common security challenges in Europe’

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Session on ‘Capacity-building best practice: opportunities for improved regional peacebuilding’ during the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development held on 3–4 May 2017

June 2017

A new SIPRI Policy Paper, *Emerging Chinese-Russian Cooperation in the Arctic*, by Camilla Sørensen and Ekaterina Klimenko, is launched. The report examines the evolving roles, interests and activities of China and Russia in the Arctic.

SIPRI YEARBOOK

The SIPRI Yearbook has been a regular and reliable source of information on peace and security since its first edition in 1969. Now in its 48th edition, it continues to be an authoritative and independent resource, covering developments in security and conflicts, military spending and armaments, and non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament.

SIPRI's flagship publication presents and analyses data for the previous year, providing depth and nuance to previous coverage of the global arms trade, world military expenditure and world nuclear forces. In addition, it gives context and insight into an array of questions on peace and security confronting the world today. Key topics of analysis in *SIPRI Yearbook 2017* include the latest trends in nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, forced displacement in fragile contexts, and the UN's sustaining peace framework. *SIPRI Yearbook 2017* has summaries in Catalan, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Swedish.

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SIPRI event

SIPRI hosts an event on the global arms trade at an Arms Trade Treaty meeting in Geneva

SIPRI event

SIPRI co-organizes a summer school with the University of Central Asia on 'Social cohesion: concept, implementation and evaluation'

SIPRI commentary

Dr Damir Esenaliev and Gulzhan Asylbek kyzy write the topical backgrounder 'Eurasian Economic Union policies and practice in Kyrgyzstan'

SIPRI commentary

Diego Lopes da Silva writes the blog post 'How Brazil's political and economic crisis affects its military spending'

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SIPRI Yearbook 2017 is the 48th edition of SIPRI's flagship publication

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July 2017

SIPRI launches new data on the state of global nuclear forces. The data shows that while the overall number of nuclear weapons in the world continues to decline, all of the nuclear weapon-possessing states are in the process of modernizing their nuclear arsenals and will not be prepared to give them up for the foreseeable future.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND NON-PROLIFERATION

The continued growth of North Korea's nuclear programme meant that nuclear weapons were a key focus of 2017. In 2017 North Korea carried out more than 20 ballistic missile tests and 1 nuclear test as it seemingly moved closer to developing a nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile. In addition, the so-called Iran nuclear deal faced severe pressure, despite reports from the International Atomic Energy Agency confirming that Iran was fully implementing it. However, there were also some positive developments, including the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons opening for signature and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) receiving the Nobel Peace Prize.

Nuclear disarmament has been one of SIPRI's main areas of focus since the Institute's foundation. SIPRI's Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-proliferation Programme promotes transparency in global nuclear armaments by releasing data on estimated nuclear weapon stockpiles around the world. SIPRI continues to be part of the European Union (EU) Non-proliferation Consortium, a network of researchers across the EU that works towards the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

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SIPRI commentary

Dr Ian Anthony writes the blog post 'President Trump's speech in Warsaw: Problematizing "Western values" and the case for inclusivity'

SIPRI commentary

Dr Tarja Cronberg writes the topical background 'After 72 years, nuclear weapons have been prohibited', in reaction to 122 states voting in favour of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in the UN General Assembly

SIPRI publication

Aurélien Tobie publishes the report *A Fresh Perspective on Security Concerns among Malian Civil Society*

SIPRI news

SIPRI receives a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York and MacArthur Foundation for innovative research on nuclear security in the Black Sea region

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SIPRI's Spotlight film series featured Beatrice Fihn, Executive Director of ICAN, 24 October 2017

August 2017

SIPRI welcomes Oman's Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs, HE Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah, for an event on 'Preventive diplomacy in the Gulf Region', focusing on topical regional and international issues.

SIPRI OUTREACH

As SIPRI's research agenda constantly evolves, it remains both timely and in high demand, informing policymakers, journalists, experts and the public. Dissemination channels include an active media and communications programme, seminars and conferences, a monthly newsletter and a renowned publications programme.

SIPRI continued to increase its video output in 2017, launching four new film series to cater for different viewing preferences and as an alternative platform to provide insights on peace and security. These films were developed alongside live streams of seminars on, among other topics, 'Frontiers in climate, resilience and security', 'Nuclear multilateralism and Iran: What lessons can be drawn for EU policymakers?' and 'The Silk Road Economic Belt: Security implications and EU-China cooperation prospects'. SIPRI's Communications Department also recorded and produced material from both the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development in May and the Stockholm Security Conference in September.

SIPRI commentary
Annelies Hickendorff, Aurélien Tobie and Dr Jaïr van der Lijn write the blog post 'Success of Joint Force Sahel depends on local actor engagement'

SIPRI commentary
Ursign Hofmann, Emma Bjertén-Günther and Yeonju Jung write the blog post 'A latent danger: The impact of anti-vehicle mines in modern conflict'

SIPRI event
HE Nikola Dimitrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, visits SIPRI and discusses security challenges in the Balkans in a SIPRI Spotlight film

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Live streams of events continued to be a core component of SIPRI's outreach strategy in 2017

September 2017

Dr Florian Krampe produces the expert comment 'The unfolding humanitarian crisis around Lake Chad: UN report falls short of naming environmental dimensions', arguing that the UN's report on the crisis would have had more impact if it had highlighted the underlying environmental issues contributing to the region's fragility.

STOCKHOLM SECURITY CONFERENCE

The second Stockholm Security Conference took place on 13–15 September and gathered together more than 200 policymakers, researchers and practitioners. SIPRI's co-hosts were the City of Stockholm, the Swedish Parliament (Riksdag) and the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB). The conference expanded on discussions from the previous year by exploring the theme 'Secure Cities in an Insecure World'. Through workshops, panel discussions and open plenary sessions, the conference provided a platform to identify and assess how global security challenges relate to the city level and how cities respond to insecurity.

The conference featured dedicated sessions on topics such as the social and economic integration of refugees, tackling urban armed violence, protecting civilians in conflict, artificial intelligence for law enforcement, and preventing and countering violent extremism. The conference topics were notably global in their coverage, drawing on case studies and examples from six continents.

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SIPRI commentary

Dr Nan Tian and Diego Lopes da Silva write the topical backgrounder 'Improving South American military expenditure data'

SIPRI event

SIPRI hosts a conference to explore the challenges posed by emerging technologies to the legal review of weapons, and means and methods of warfare

SIPRI commentary

Robert Kelley writes the expert comment 'North Korea's sixth nuclear test: What do we know so far?'

SIPRI commentary

Dr John Hart writes the expert comment 'Celebrating a milestone: Russia completes the destruction of chemical weapons stockpile'



Pre-conference seminar at the Swedish Riksdag for the Stockholm Security Conference held on 13–15 September 2017

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October 2017

SIPRI's statement on the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize congratulates the recipient, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), and is quoted in more than 550 media outlets. Beatrice Fihn, Executive Director of ICAN, features in SIPRI's Spotlight film series.

PEACE OPERATIONS AND NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY

Peace operations and conflict management have been core elements of SIPRI's work since the end of the cold war. Currently, SIPRI's work in this area has three main pillars: (a) peace operations data and trends; (b) the future of peace operations, as part of SIPRI's New Geopolitics of Peace Operations project; and (c) gender and peace operations and conflict management. SIPRI has also undertaken evaluation and 'lessons learned' studies, as well as consultancies regarding topical peace operations issues.

SIPRI's New Geopolitics of Peace Operations project continued into its third phase (NGP III). It aims to enhance understanding about UN and non-UN peace operations and their role in dealing with non-traditional security challenges, specifically, terrorism and violent extremism, irregular migration, piracy, organized crime and environmental degradation.

SIPRI news
SIPRI joins the World Economic Forum's new online initiative, the Global Platform for Geostrategic Collaboration

SIPRI commentary
Dr Tytti Erästö writes the topical backgrounder 'Time for Europe to put Iran's missile programme in context'

SIPRI commentary
Richard Ghiasy writes the blog post 'The Afghan people: Observing nearly 40 years of violent conflict'

SIPRI publication
SIPRI publishes a new Background Paper, *Assessing meaning construction on social media: A case of normalizing militarism*, and holds an event on 'Militarization of social media: strategies and challenges'



UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) conducts an operation to protect civilians and property
Image credit: UN photo by Harandane Dicko

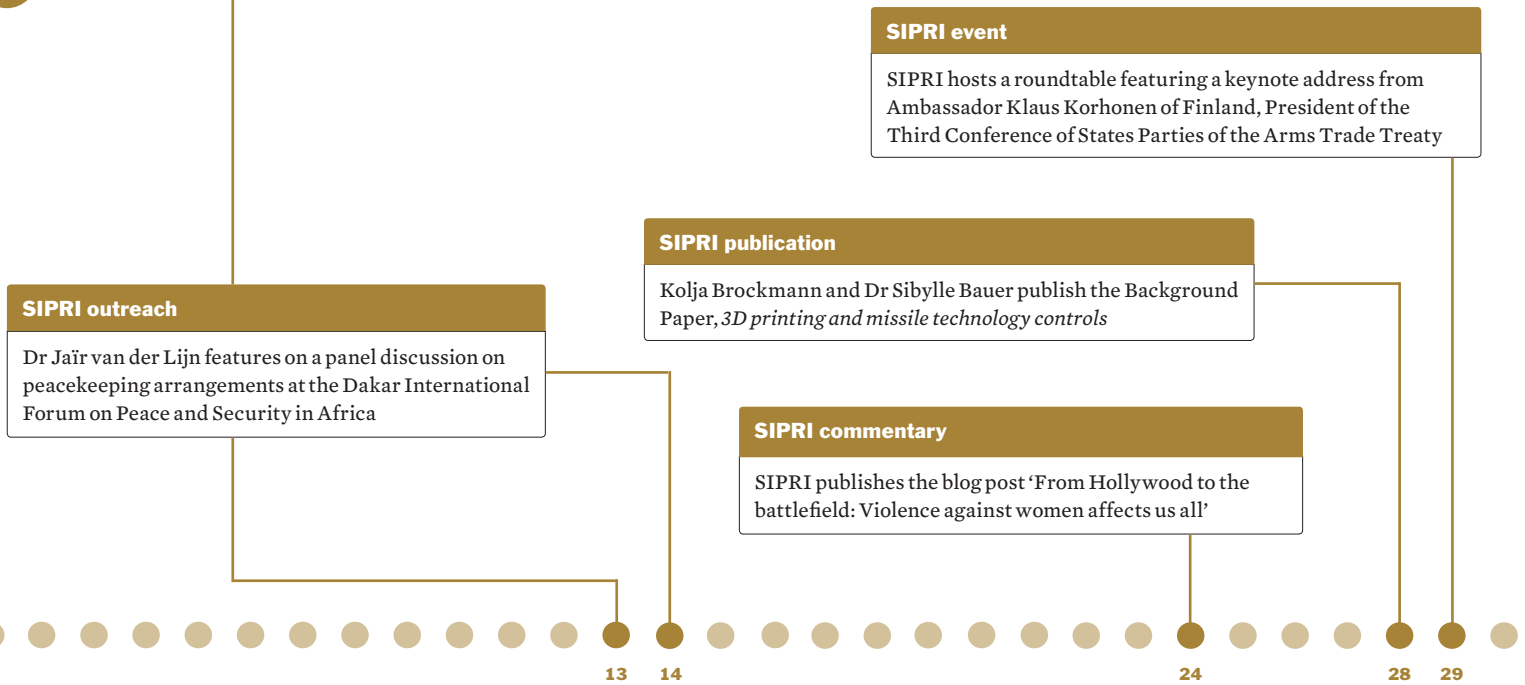
November 2017

Dr Vincent Boulanin and Maaïke Verbruggen publish a new report, *Mapping the Development of Autonomy in Weapon Systems*, which aims to shed light on the current developments in autonomy in weapon systems. The report provides important insights for informed international discussions.

EMERGING MILITARY AND SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES

Current innovations in artificial intelligence, robotics, autonomous systems, additive manufacturing (3D printing), nanotechnology, biotechnology, material science and quantum computing are expected to bring social transformations of an unprecedented scale. How these technologies may be used in, and transform, the military and security realms is not yet fully understood and needs further scrutiny.

Monitoring the development of emerging military and security technologies is instrumental to understanding the future of warfare and global security. In November SIPRI launched a landmark mapping study to shed light on developments in autonomy in weapon systems and thereby provide important insights to inform international discussions. SIPRI also released other materials that help to support greater transparency in the area of weapon reviews. These included a film exploring the challenges posed by emerging technologies to the legal review process imposed by Article 36 of Additional Protocol I of the 1949 Geneva Conventions.



Small robotic platforms such as drones have become accessible not only to the militaries of states but also to non-state actors and individuals
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December 2017

SIPRI convenes the annual EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Conference at Egmont Palace in Brussels. The aim of the conference is to encourage discussion within civil society—particularly among experts, researchers and academics—about measures to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY

The effects of climate change are already taking their toll and, even with action to reduce climate change, the damage will continue to increase for decades. The relationship between climate change and insecurity is increasingly being recognized. Indeed, the World Economic Forum named the ‘failure to adapt and mitigate climate change’ as ‘the most impactful risk for the years to come’.

Against this background, SIPRI continued to develop its research on understanding the risks climate change poses to both human and state security. SIPRI released a SIPRI Reflection film to introduce why climate change matters for peace and security, and on 8 December hosted a high-level seminar on ‘Frontiers in climate, resilience and security’. The event was held in collaboration with the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Stockholm Resilience Centre and discussed response strategies to climate-related security challenges. Key addresses at the event were given by Isabella Lövin, Sweden’s Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate, and Margot Wallström, Sweden’s Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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SIPRI event

As a consortium partner of the Planetary Security Initiative (PSI), SIPRI played a key role in the third annual Planetary Security Conference, held in The Hague

SIPRI event

SIPRI holds an event on ‘A future perspective on nuclear disarmament’ with Beatrice Fihn, Executive Director of ICAN, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 and Ambassador Rolf Ekéus, SIPRI Distinguished Associate Fellow

SIPRI event

SIPRI organizes a workshop on ‘Japan–Europe–USA: Integrating cyber security and norms into critical infrastructure’

SIPRI data launch

SIPRI releases new data on the international arms industry, which shows the first annual increase in arms sales by the world’s 100 largest arms-producing companies since 2010

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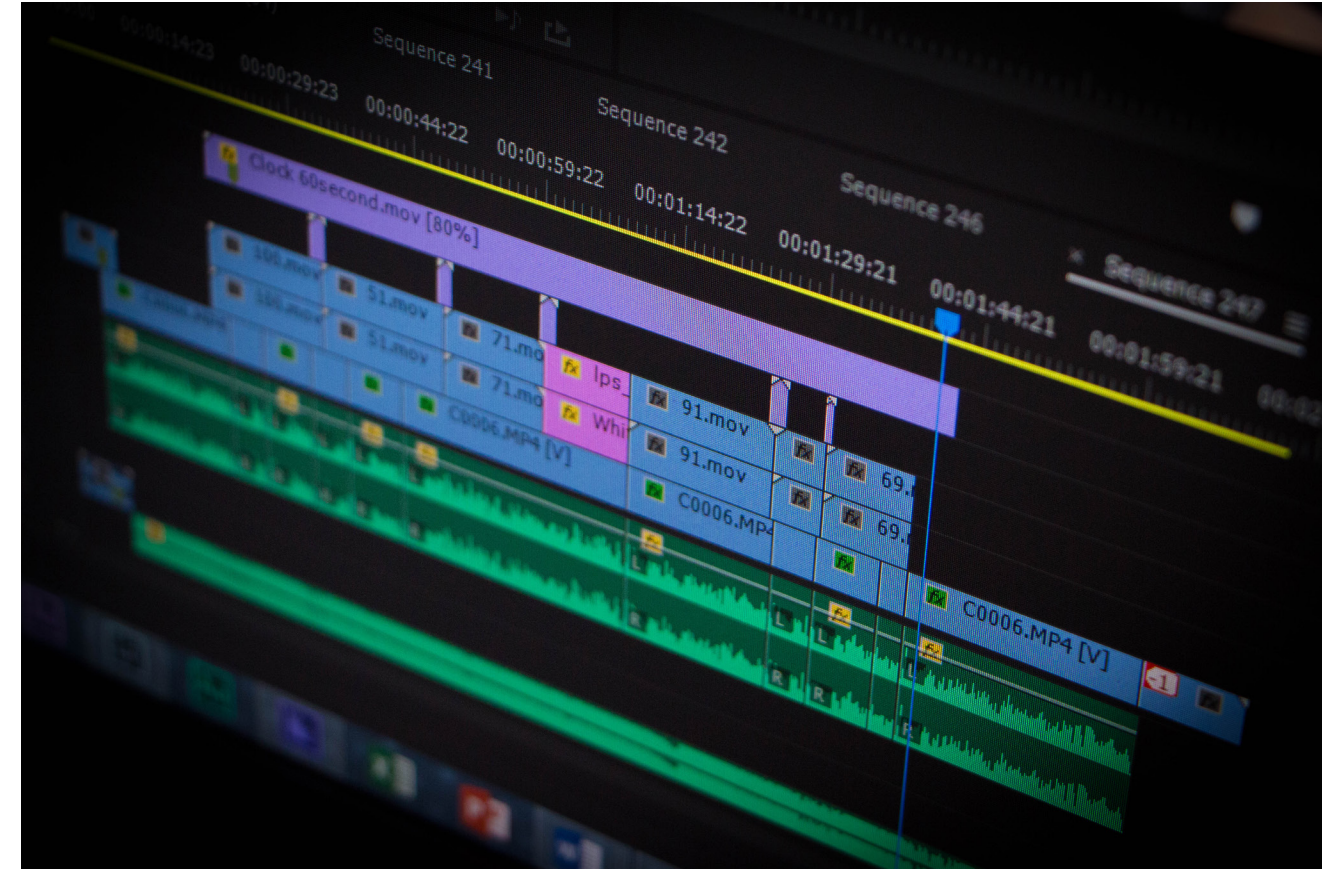
Dr Malin Mobjörk, Director of SIPRI’s Climate Change and Risk Programme, and Dan Smith, SIPRI Director, at a seminar on ‘Why climate change is an issue for the UN Security Council’, 19 October 2017

January–December 2017

SIPRI is an international institute, attracting scholars, researchers, policymakers and visiting experts and delegations from around the world.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- The average number of employees at SIPRI in 2017 was 50, of whom 22 were men and 28 were women
- SIPRI had 36 full-time research staff during 2017, with 19 different nationalities
- SIPRI published 48 titles in 2017
- Full translations of the SIPRI Yearbook were published in Chinese, Russian and Ukrainian, and summaries in Catalan, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Swedish
- At the end of 2017, SIPRI had over 35 000 followers on Twitter and more than 19 000 page likes on Facebook
- During 2017 SIPRI was featured in over 22 700 news stories in 140 countries
- SIPRI issued 20 major press releases and 45 commentary pieces in 2017
- SIPRI's YouTube channel generated 49 days of total watched time and holds a viewership of over 24 000



In 2017 SIPRI issued 63 videos across its main film series
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SIPRI's annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Swedish Bookkeeping Act.

FINANCES

	2017	2016
Income		
Grant from Swedish Government	25 402 000	28 402 000
Grants from other funders	43 546 163	33 501 961
Royalties and sales	127 428	164 763
Other	31 426	74 799
Rental income	754 032	744 306
Total	69 861 049	62 887 829
Expenditure		
Project expenditure from grants	-20 611 526	-15 962 386
Administrative expenditure	-10 563 554	-14 215 030
Staff costs	-37 738 384	-33 533 951
Depreciation	-357 589	-294 895
Operating profit	589 996	-1 118 433
Financial income		
Financial net amount	268 824	507 730
Net profit/loss for the year	321 173	-610 703



SIPRI's annual staff photo taken on the occasion of the meeting of the Governing Board

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