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**Report on internship at SIPRI
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In 2007 I received a scholarship of Sverker Åström Foundation for the Furtherance of Russian-Swedish Relations for making an internship at Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. I worked as intern for the Non-proliferation and Export control project of SIPRI from 7 June 2007 up to 31 August 2007. My line manager during my stay at SIPRI was Dr. Ian Anthony, Project Leader of the Nonproliferation and Export Control Project and Research Coordinator of SIPRI.

Being an intern I was involved in the everyday work of the project, monitoring the news information and making the statistics and summary reviews on the themes elaborated by the project. For the most part I was engaged in the subproject dealing with issues of nuclear weapons non-proliferation and development of civil nuclear energy.

Besides, during the internship I have prepared research reports on two issues.

First, I prepared a status report on the issue of *Plutonium Disposition Efforts within G8 Global Partnership*. In the early 1990s the United States and Russia both pledged to end the production of plutonium for military purposes and agreed to eliminate a substantial quantity of plutonium present in their respective military stockpiles but excess to military needs. In connection with this I prepared a paper examining how these commitments were being put into practical effect.

Second, I prepared a status report on the issue of *U.S.-Russian Civilian Nuclear Cooperation Agreement: current status and potential cooperation perspectives*. This paper examines the prospects for US–Russian cooperation on nuclear matters after the signing of a bilateral agreement for cooperation in nuclear energy following a visit to the USA by President Putin.

During the internship I highly appreciated the possibility to work in international environment of the institute (SIPRI has 15 different nationalities on the research staff), which allowed me to establish important research and personal contacts, which I would like to maintain in my future research and academic activities. In particular, if necessary funding will be found, we would probably realize in the cooperation with Non-proliferation and Export control project of SIPRI a joint project, concentrated on the reform of status of so called “closed nuclear” cities in modern Russia.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Sverker Åstrom Foundation for the great opportunity to gain this unique professional and personal experience.