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Sebastian von Einsiedel of Germany Named Director of new United Nations University Centre for Policy Research

3 February 2014, Tokyo — The United Nations University (UNU) is pleased to announce that, effective 1 February, Sebastian von Einsiedel has taken up the post of Director of the UNU Centre for Policy Research (UNU-CPR).

The newly established UNU-CPR, based at UNU Headquarters in Tokyo, will undertake policy research related to issues of peace, international security and global development, drawing on work throughout the UNU system and more widely. UNU-CPR will focus, in particular, on strengthening public policy research relevant to the most pressing and urgent debates of the United Nations; identifying strategies for creating value in the dissemination of research; and advocating change in policy frameworks to enhance UN decision-making.

UNU-CPR Director Sebastian von Einsiedel is a German national. Since June 2013, he has been a Non-resident Fellow with the Center on International Cooperation (CIC), New York University. He is on special leave from the Policy Planning Unit, United Nations Department of Political Affairs, where since 2009 he has been at the forefront of policy development within the UN Secretariat.

“Sebastian is an outstanding policy and research leader in the wider UN community. We are very fortunate to have him”, said Dr. David Malone, Rector of the United Nations University.

Mr. von Einsiedel has worked with the United Nations since 2004, when he was appointed to the research staff of the UN Secretary-General’s High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change, subsequently joining the Secretary-General’s team to work on the preparation of the 2005 World Summit. He later served in the Political Affairs Unit of the United Nations Mission to Nepal (UNMIN), supporting the peace process in that country. In 2008–2009, he was a member of the Secretary-General’s Strategic Planning Unit working, inter alia, on terrorism-related issues.

Mr. von Einsiedel has also worked with the New York-based International Peace Academy (now International Peace Institute) as Special Assistant to the President and as Senior Program Officer of the State-Building Program. He has published widely on multilateral security issues and is co-editor of two books: *The UN Security Council in the 21st Century* (forthcoming, Lynne Rienner Publishers) and *Nepal in Transition: From People’s War to Fragile Peace* (2012, Cambridge University Press).

Mr. von Einsiedel holds a Master of International Affairs degree from Columbia University (New York) and a Magister Artium in Political Science from Ludwig-Maximilians University (Munich). He is married and has two children.

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