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Regarding the report against Umut Özkirimli

Andreas Johansson, CMES, has submitted a complaint against Umut Özkirimli, CMES, regarding a threat.

On 4 May, Andreas Johansson makes a formal complaint of harassment. The complaint is based on a report received on 26 March, supplemented by email on the 4 and 7 May.

The complaint claims that Andreas Johansson was subjected to a threat from Umut Özkirimli on 7 March 2018 (email of 7 May), stating, in brief, that if Andreas did not refrain from interfering in the relationship between Umut and X it would turn out badly for Andreas. Andreas understands the threat to be genuine and he understands that Umut has the power to make things difficult for Andreas in his future career. Andreas states that the threat feels “very uncomfortable and unpleasant and I have been wondering about what he meant by it ever since. It feels uncomfortable for hours on end to be at work (email of 4 May)”.

The threat from Umut against Andreas is related via Anders Ackfelt: “Anders called me directly after he had spoken to Umut and sounded very upset (email, 4 May)”. The threat related by Anders is, according to Andreas, worded that “Andreas should stop poking his nose in and supporting [X], otherwise things will go badly for him”.

Anders Ackfelt has verified the content of the threat and he states that he called Andreas immediately to tell him what Umut had said. Anders understands the threat to be credible and genuine. Anders’ understanding is that Umut’s large international network and Umut’s strategic assignments mean that he has the resources to put a spanner in the works for other researchers (private call, 9 May). Anders adds that he has also heard Umut make similar threats against X, which in translation mean “when this is over I will destroy X”.

