



ABOUT THE PIR CENTER'S NEW JOURNAL

THE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF *SECURITY INDEX*... IS NO DOUBT A VERY NECESSARY AND TIMELY EVENT

To the Editor-in-Chief,

Today no one would doubt that by combining efforts on the basis of the observance of international norms and principles, the global community can successfully oppose the threats and challenges of our time.

Understanding the importance of collective efforts in solving these problems, Russia is working to develop the most active cooperation in the security sphere.

In this regard, the level that has been reached on questions of Russian cooperation with leading European and Euro-Atlantic organizations is particularly significant.

Even very recently it would have been difficult to imagine, but in the 21st century we have been successfully tackling the most urgent problems of mutual interest in many areas.

The publication of the first issue of *Security Index*, which is intended as a clear and reliable source of objective information on Russian foreign and defense policy not compromised by politics and ideology, is no doubt a very necessary and timely event.

I am certain that the new publication will engender a lively response, not only from politicians and experts in the sphere of international relations but also from representatives of scientific and business circles.



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I AM COUNTING ON YOUR EXPERT ASSISTANCE

To the Editor-in-Chief,

Congratulations on the publication of the first issue of *Security Index*. I view this as persuasive confirmation of the need for the research that your Center has been carrying out over the



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course of over a decade on a broad range of international security topics, including disarmament and nonproliferation.

The results of your work are of particular interest for the country's foreign policy agencies, given the relapses into a policy of the unilateral use of force that have caused small countries to feel that security is scarce and pushed large countries towards increasing weapons procurement. The continuing stagnation, though no fault of Russia, in the area of disarmament as well as the increasing potential for conflict in the world as a whole are also causes for concern.

I am counting on your expert assistance in the search for effective responses to the challenges and threats associated with large-scale international terrorist activity, the weakening of the nonproliferation regime, the aspirations of several countries to untie their hands in order to weaponize space, as well as the misuse of information technologies.

I wish the Center staff the best of success in their work, and hope that the journal will find its way to numerous readers.

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SECURITY INDEX SHOULD BECOME AN EFFECTIVE AND RELIABLE AIDE IN SOLVING THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES THAT STAND BEFORE RUSSIA'S NUCLEAR BRANCH

To the Editor-in-Chief,

Today nuclear power is enjoying a rebirth worldwide. The Russian nuclear power industry has a big job ahead of it: increasing the share of nuclear power in the nation's energy production to 25%, and in the future to 30%, with the launch of at least two new nuclear power units each year. Maintaining the nation's nuclear weapons complex at the level needed to ensure national security is equally vital. Russia plays a leading role in mobilizing international efforts to strengthen the nuclear nonproliferation regime. A concrete example is Russian President Vladimir Putin's initiative to create international nuclear fuel cycle centers.

Given these circumstances, the professional and timely examination of questions related to nuclear power and nuclear nonproliferation is of practical interest to everyone working in the Russian nuclear power industry.

During its 12 years of existence, the PIR Center's journal *Yaderny Kontrol* won the recognition of specialists throughout the nuclear industry, becoming one of the most authoritative sources of information on questions related to nuclear power and WMD nonproliferation. I hope that the PIR Center's new journal, *Security Index*, which is its successor, will maintain an editorial policy of *loyalty* to covering nuclear issues.

I would like to take advantage of this occasion to congratulate the staff of the PIR Center for Policy Studies (Russia) on the publication of the first issue of *Security Index*.

The PIR Center's professionalism and energy make us confident that the publication will become an effective and reliable aide in solving the significant issues that stand before Russia's nuclear branch.

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THERE IS NO REASON TO DOUBT THE RELEVANCE OF THE NEW PUBLICATION

To the Editor-in-Chief,

The *Rosoboronexport* State Corporation would like to congratulate the PIR Center with the first issue of the journal *Security Index*.

There is no reason to doubt the urgency of the new publication and our cooperation.

Special international legal mechanisms have been devised to monitor transfers of military equipment in the global arms trade. Russia values its reputation on the global arms market and therefore implements all relevant control measures with particular care.

As one of the top five exporters, which supplies armaments and military equipment to more than 60 countries, Russia does not permit exports that might undermine regional stability, aggravate crises, or violate embargoes or other international agreements.

Given globalization, we believe that the Russian system for military and technical cooperation, in which the *Rosoboronexport* State Corporation plays a leading role, can play a positive role in developing international military cooperation, providing for national and collective security, maintaining global stability, stimulating economic growth, and improving people's quality of life.

I wish *Security Index* continuing success in the international dialogue aimed at a comprehensive analysis of security issues and the search for the best possible ways to harmonize inter-governmental and international relations.

Best of luck, my dear friends!



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A WELL-DEFINED AND TOPICAL NAME

To the Editor-in-Chief,

Please accept my congratulations to you and your colleagues at the PIR Center on the publication of the first issue of your updated journal, which has come out under the well-defined and topical name *Security Index*.

In today's complex and globalized world problems related to ensuring security—in the broadest sense of this word—have once again come to the fore for the entire global community. These problems require qualified professional analysis that takes into account both current geopolitical realities and the long-term prospects for the development of the military and political situation in the world as a whole, as well as in its various regions. Only with a clear understanding of the driving forces of global processes, as well as the sources and fundamental nature of new threats, can one develop solutions to ensure global strategic stability and Russian national security.

The new publication's predecessor—the journal *Yaderny Kontrol*—did a great deal to inform the public in our country and abroad on issues such as nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, arms control, and international security. I hope that the journal's new format will



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make it possible to expand the topics it covers, attract new, interesting authors, and more deeply investigate the processes now taking place in the world. 

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**THE STRENGTHS OF THE STATE, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE MEDIA, AND
INDEPENDENT ANALYTICAL ORGANIZATIONS MUST BE BROUGHT TOGETHER TO
FIND EFFECTIVE AND NONTRIVIAL ANSWERS TO NEW CHALLENGES**

To the Editor-in-Chief,

The appearance of a new publication always engenders interest and attention, particularly when the journal is the successor to a well-known journal like *Yaderny Kontrol*. During the years of its existence, *Yaderny Kontrol* became one of the most authoritative sources of information on current international security issues for both Russian and foreign experts. Over time the journal expanded—not only in terms of the numbers of pages and the quantity of authors and interviews it attracted, but also in terms of the extent and breadth of the issues and events that it covered.

Despite the fact that the name *Yaderny Kontrol* became quite well known and was virtually a business card for the PIR Center and Russian analysis on WMD nonproliferation and arms control issues, the considerable broadening of issue areas touched upon in the journal's pages made the changing of its name a logical step in the formation of an expert dialogue in Russia on issues related to security.

The journal's new name reflects the fact that the publication, like all of the PIR Center's academic analysis, exceeded the realm of nonproliferation long ago and now includes all of the fundamental security issues that are of concern in the 21st century. This expansion of topical areas is extremely well timed, as it takes into account the increasing complexity and multiplicity of factors involved in the security problems facing the global community and our nation at the present time.

In recent years, along with classic 20th century problems such as regional crises and conflicts, we are more frequently hearing of and recognizing ever more serious threats, the problems of terrorism, political and religious extremism in its various manifestations, separatism, the illegal narcotics trade, human trafficking, environmental and man-made catastrophes, the threat of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, organized crime, etc.

Regardless of the order in which we enumerate these problems, it is clear that together they have a very strong and very dangerous explosive potential and directly effect the security both of individual states and the entire international community.

The quality of the answers to these threats, to traditional threats, as well as to the new challenges to national and global security in many ways depends on bringing together the efforts of the entire world, including Russia. It is critical that state organizations, the media, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and independent analytical organizations like the PIR Center are brought together to find effective and nontrivial answers to the challenges and threats. I am certain that the new journal *Security Index* will be as necessary to people involved in working out solutions in the security sphere as its predecessor, *Yaderny Kontrol*, was before it.

I would like to refer to the definition of the word “index,” which means an indicator of the development, change in processes, and phenomena during a particular period of time. We have just seen this in the table, and on behalf of the Security Council staff would like to wish for the new journal that this indicator would always remain valid, strictly calculated, and scientifically substantiated so that it may help all states, nongovernmental organizations, and all of humanity in the search for realistic means to combat current threats.

The best of success to the new journal! 

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THE PIR CENTER IS ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC, DEEPEST, AND MOST CREATIVE THINK TANKS IN RUSSIA

To the Editor-in-Chief,

It is not every day that a Russian policy journal is launched. And it is definitely not every day when such a journal is launched not only in Russian, but also as an *international edition* – in English. This fact alone already would have raised attention to the final product.

But *Index Bezopasnosti*, or *Security Index* – this is the title of a newborn publication – is also unique because it a result of work of a Russian *non-governmental* research and policy institute. For 14 years, the Center for Policy Studies – known by its Russian acronym as the P.I.R. Center – has been a most dynamic, creative and thoughtful think tank in Russia dealing with a wide range of international security issues, from nuclear nonproliferation to critical infrastructure protection, from regional security issues in Central Asia to energy security. It has successfully attracted the attention of those audiences who usually are not starving from a lack of information or analytical papers: from foreign policy practitioners to the business community, from media to legislators.

I should say that the Center for Policy Studies, dealing a lot with proliferation, has finally become a proliferator itself: It is now proliferating its knowledge, analysis and assessments into Geneva, and through Geneva – to Europe and worldwide.

Today we are witnessing an important step: *Centre russe d'études politiques* has been established in Geneva, as a partner of and a European platform for the Moscow-based PIR Center. It is a bold move by a Russian NGO.

But I am glad to see that this move has already been converted, under the energetic leadership of Vladimir Orlov, into a very practical project. Just open this journal – which you either have already received or will receive right after this reception – and you will find a number of articles, a number of points which are critical to better understand Russia, to *read Russia right*. Whether it is the situation in the Middle East, or competition over resources of the Caspian, policy towards Iran or a future of the INF treaty, - read this journal, and after this reading you will know for sure that you are better prepared, better equipped to follow the logic of Russia's foreign and security policy as well as follow a debate over this policy going on in Russia.

This journal – and, I am sure, the mission of the newly established *Centre russe d'études politiques* – is also about *dialogue*. Look at the article written for *Security Index* by a US bestselling journalist, David Hoffman, on unknown pages of the worst times of the cold war in 1983. Look at the documents he has revealed. The two sides did not listen to each other! And that could lead to a global catastrophe.



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The security dialogue, launched on the pages of *Security Index*, helps us all better listen to each other, hear each other, and work together on cooperatively building the new security architecture of a new multipolar world. 🐾

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I AM FLATTERED THAT YOU CHOSE GENEVA

To the Editor-in-Chief,

I want to express my most heart-felt congratulations for the launch of your new publication. I had the privilege to receive the first edition of *Security Index* just freshly out of the printing office and I had a look at it. I'm very much impressed by the quality of the authors and by the quality of their analysis. *Security Index* is a most valuable contribution to modern security policy thinking.

We are particularly honored and proud that you choose Geneva not only for the launching of the international edition of your publication but also for the presence of the European branch of the PIR-Center, the *Centre russe d'études politiques*. Geneva understands itself as a platform for the international community. It is there to serve all of you: individuals, thinkers, organizations and states. We know there was a strong competition from other cities and you have chosen Geneva. Geneva is perfectly neutral. Geneva is perfectly linked to other institutions in modern security. And if you are once tired of thinking, the fantastic ski slopes of Crans Montana, Verbier and Zermatt are very close. But we are also very happy for historical reasons that you chose Geneva. In fact, some time ago, the University of Geneva had more Russian than Swiss students.

So, we wish you, the new publication and the new branch of your center all the best you can achieve. We wish you a long life, we wish you a good health, we wish you strength, and we wish you a major impact on international security. 🐾

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TO OBTAIN NEW AUTHORS AND NEW READERS

To the Editor-in-Chief,

For many years I have been a reader of and author published in *Yaderny Kontrol*, and therefore have mixed feelings about the editorial board's decision to rename that publication.

On the one hand, *Yaderny Kontrol* was, I would say, the most authoritative and, even more importantly, influential Russian publication devoted to the issues of arms control, security, and nuclear nonproliferation. The opinions of the journal's authors had a noticeable effect on the

course of discussions within the Russian expert community while the materials that were published provided a direction for academic debate.

On the other hand, changing the journal's name to *Security Index* reflects the expansion of threats that has occurred in recent years and the need for the journal to appear in a new form: as a Russian journal on international security. And this will offer its readers new interesting topics and new possibilities for discussion.

I am confident that broadening the range of problems discussed in the publication will not lead to a reduction in the depth of analysis, and will enable the editorial board to pay even more attention to both the technological and political aspects of security issues, while maintaining the priority of nuclear security. I would like to see the journal not simply focus on an analysis of contemporary threats to international and national security, but also look to tomorrow and the potential problems and challenges that we will face as high technology spreads throughout the world. The journal's new approach towards choosing topics of interest should make it possible to include such important subjects for the future of Russia as the country's technological development and its economic competitiveness in the sphere of high technology on world markets.

I hope that the PIR Center's journal will not simply preserve and build upon the authority that *Yaderny Kontrol* earned within the expert community, but also acquire new authors and readers for whom the journal *Security Index* will become the No. 1 academic publication! 

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A PLATFORM FOR DISCUSSION ON ENERGY ISSUES

To the Editor-in-Chief,

Today we are tackling the problem of sustainable energy supply to the mankind. And me as a scientist, I'm convinced that it is nuclear energy which will be serving the mankind and serving for the purpose of energy supplies for hundreds and even thousands of years. And the task we have in front of us today is twofold. On the one hand we have to learn to use the most advanced, the newest nuclear technologies. And on the other hand we have to secure the nonproliferation of WMDs. And the attainment of such tasks cannot be provided only through just technology. In order to resolve this task we need both the political, scientific and social communities to be brought together in order to tackle multifold political, social and other measures of providing the energy security.

I'm convinced that the journal will provide all the necessary information and insight in how it can be attained. I would like to wish success to the journal, to the authors and to all of us. 

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PIR CENTER PUBLICATIONS ARE AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG SPECIALISTS

To the Editor-in-Chief,

I would like to send my greetings and congratulations to the associates of the PIR Center for Policy Studies in Russia upon the publication of the first issue of *Security Index*!

Over the course of many years, the PIR Center's publications have been an important source of knowledge for students and young specialists taking their first steps in learning about international security and international relations, as well as for experts who have already received their degrees and are participating directly in the formation of Russian foreign policy on a daily basis. I am certain that *Security Index* will also occupy an important place on the desks of Russian specialists who are professionally engaged in international security issues.

It is pleasant to note that the PIR Center has always paid special attention to educational activities, providing access to the pages of its publications not only to acknowledged experts, well-known scholars, and practitioners, but also to young researchers. At the same time, the Center has actively sought out graduates of regional universities to work with it. It is therefore no accident that MGIMO has been a member of the PIR Center Advisory Board for many years: we see this independent academic research institute as a worthy partner in training young experts in the area of international security.

It is doubly pleasant that the reigns of the PIR Center are in the hands of two MGIMO graduates—the chairman of the PIR Center Executive Board is Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Roland Mikhailovich Timerbaev while the director of the Center is Vladimir Andreevich Orlov—which makes it possible for us to consider the PIR Center's successes and achievements as our own.

I wish *Security Index* a pleasant voyage through the stormy seas of the world's oceans and Center associates new creative successes and accomplishments! Sincerely, 

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