



*"The Russian Federation has close and long-standing relations with Iran and we would like to use all our resources in order to make the hard dialogue we have today crown with success"*

*Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Dmitry Medvedev*

**The Iranian nuclear program** has been carefully reviewed by PIR Center's experts over the last 15 years. The issue is covered on the regular basis through *Security Index* journal, *Russia confidential* analytical bulletin as well as PIR PRESS newsletter.

In 2012 the "Russia in Global Affairs" journal published the article by the PIR Center's President Dr. Vladimir Orlov entitled "A Labyrinth with No Walls" (number 1, 2012, January-March). The recommendations contained in this article have had a direct impact on the 2012 discussions on creating a WMD-free zone in the Middle East.

In the framework of this project PIR Center's experts closely follow the developments around the *Stuxnet* worm attack on Iran's nuclear plant in Bushehr, the impact of international sanctions against Iran, the future of Iranian nuclear program.

**Recommendations developed by the experts of PIR Center**

- Any military strike on Iran, under whatever pretext, would be dangerous and counterproductive decision
- The Russian Federation and the USA should be engaged in more active, high-level collaboration on the Iranian nuclear issue in order to develop a common understanding of risks and probable courses of action
- Holding consultations in order to ensure production of fuel for Iranian nuclear reactor for positive change in negotiations on this issue would become a positive step

**PIR Center Project**

PIR Center's experts on regular basis conduct working meetings with Russian and foreign experts, representatives of IAEA, Iran, the European Union, the USA, organize seminars, round tables and conferences on the Iranian issue and issues of WMD nonproliferation. The Iranian nuclear program has also been a constant topic of intense discussions among PIR Center's experts within the frameworks of the NPT Review Process.

**The Goal of the Project**

To contribute to elaboration of recommendations for Russian and foreign policy makers and the international community with the purpose to find the way out of the Iranian nuclear deadlock.

**For detailed information on the project please visit: <http://iran.eng.pircenter.org>**