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Ambassadors, Mr. Deputy Chairman of the Security Council, Mr. Orlov, dear friends,

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 Center russe d'etudes politiques. Geneva understands itself as a platform for the international community. It is there to serve all of you: individuals, thinkers, organisations 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.

Thank you!