

**Presentation of the first issue of *Security Index* Journal International Edition
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Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dr. Orlov,

It is not every day when 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 fourteen years, 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 attention of those audiences who usually do not starve from lack of information or analytical papers: from foreign policy practitioners to 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.

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 a new security architecture of a new multipolar world.

Thank you for your attention.

Valery Loshchinin,

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