20 years of cooperation: What next?

Russia’s decision to withdraw from the ISTC by 2015 along with expiring the Nunn–Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction Program in 2013 make necessary elaboration new mechanisms of bilateral Russia-U.S. cooperation in the field of nuclear security. These new mechanisms include US-Russian Agreement on cooperation on MNEPR and Science and Technology collaboration in the nuclear domain. So Nunn-Lugar program is substituted buy new US-Russian cooperation framework which PIR Center calls New Partnership.

PIR Center has been contributing to elaboration and further development of New Partnership within its Project Future of Global Partnership Program and Russia-U.S. Cooperation on Nuclear Security. In 2012 PIR Center established the Advisory Board’s Working Group on International Cooperation in Nonproliferation and Nuclear Security, which includes leading academics and experts who have prepared the Study “Prospects of the International Cooperation in the Field of WMD Nonproliferation and Nuclear Security” to present it to the governments of Russia and the United States in autumn 2013. The full text of the Study and its Executive Summary are available at PIR Center website http://gp.eng.pircenter.org

Key issues of the project:
- Prospects for further Russian-American bilateral and multilateral cooperation on nuclear security;
- Development of nuclear technologies and future of nonproliferation regime;
- Sustainability of existing international cooperation mechanisms for nuclear security.

PIR Center Project
- The meetings of the PIR Center’s Working Group took place in March and June 2013 in Moscow. Members of the Group – including Advisor to the Rosatom Director General Vladimir Kuchinov, NTI Moscow Office Head Robert Berls, Senior Nuclear Security Officer at the Nuclear Security Office of the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security of the IAEA Aleksey Ubee, Senior Research Associate at the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies Dauren Aben – will present the results of their work (Study published both in Russian and English) on October 3, 2013 at the international seminar in Moscow
- In Spring 2014 PIR Center plans to organize international seminar on cybersecurity in the nuclear domain

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