

***Message of greeting
from Russian Federal Atomic Energy Agency head Sergei Kiriyenko upon the
presentation of the journal Security Index***

Dear *Security Index* readers!

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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