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Dear Vladimir Andreyevich,

Please accept my congratulations to you and your colleagues at the PIR Center on the publication of the first issue of your updated journal, which has come out under the well-defined and topical name *Security Index*.

In today's complex and globalized world problems related to ensuring security—in the broadest sense of this word—have once again come to the fore for the entire global community.

These problems require qualified professional analysis that takes into account both current geopolitical realities and the long-term prospects for the development of the military and political situation in the world as a whole, as well as in its various regions. Only with a clear understanding of the driving forces of global processes, as well as the sources and fundamental nature of new threats, can one develop solutions to ensure global strategic stability and Russian national security.

The new publication's predecessor—the journal *Yaderny Kontrol*—did a great deal to inform the public in our country and abroad on issues such as nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, arms control, and international security. I hope that the journal's new format will make it possible to expand the topics it covers, attract new, interesting authors, and more deeply investigate the processes now taking place in the world.

Sincerely,

Yury Baluevsky,
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Army General