CENTER FOR ENERGY AND SECURITY STUDIES HOLDS RUSSIAN-IRANIAN CONFERENCE ON TOPICAL NUCLEAR ISSUES

Moscow, Russia: On October 21, 2013, between the two rounds of the P5+1 and Iran nuclear talks in Geneva, the Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS) held the Russian-Iranian Conference on Topical Nuclear Issues.

There were three central topics on the agenda:

- Ways of resolving the crisis over the Iranian nuclear program, including confidence-building and transparency measures;
- Prospects for safe and secure development of nuclear energy and the related infrastructure in Iran, including the construction of new power and research reactors in Arak and other sites;
- Prospects for the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction and for holding a conference on this issue in Helsinki.

The event in Moscow was attended by former senior representatives of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), the Iranian Foreign Ministry, and the Supreme National Security Council of Iran, as well as Iranian and Russian research organizations and government agencies. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov, who was an honorary guest of the Conference, delivered a keynote speech.

All remarks made at the conference were off the record.

Based on the results of the Conference, the Center for Energy and Security Studies has prepared an analytical memo for Russian government agencies involved in decision-making in the relevant areas.

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