CENESS DIRECTOR APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD UNDER THE RUSSIAN SECURITY COUNCIL BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE

Moscow, Russia (January 21, 2011). Russian President Dmitry Medvedev signed Decree No 74 “On the Composition of the Advisory Board under the Security Council of the Russian Federation”. The decree lists Anton Khlopkov, Director of the Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS) as one of the new members of the Board. A copy of the decree in Russian is available at: http://graph.document.kremlin.ru/page.aspx?1;1543019

The decree increases the representation of nongovernmental think tanks in the Advisory Board under the Security Council of the Russian Federation. CENESS, however, is the only such organization specializing in nuclear nonproliferation and nuclear energy to be represented in the Board.

CENESS Director Anton Khlopkov, 32, has become the youngest expert on the Board; the average age of the Advisory Board members is above 55.

The remit of the Advisory Board under the Security Council of the Russian Federation includes contributing to the preparation of analysis materials in support of the meetings of the Security Council and its working groups; peer review of draft documents on matters of national security; analysis of issues related to the development strategy of the Russian Federation, etc.

The permanent members of the Security Council of the Russian Federation are: the prime minister, the chief of the Presidential Administration, the secretary of the Security Council, speakers of both chambers of the Russian parliament, ministers of foreign affairs, internal affairs and defense, heads of the Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) and the Federal Security Service (FSB). Russian President Dmitry Medvedev is the Chairman of the Council. The full list of the Council members is available in Russian at: http://www.scrf.gov.ru/persons/sections/6/

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