CENESS DIRECTOR REAPPOINTED AS MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD UNDER THE RUSSIAN SECURITY COUNCIL

Moscow, Russia. Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed Decree No 72 “On the Composition of the Advisory Board under the Security Council of the Russian Federation”. The decree reappoints Anton Khlopkov, Director of the Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS), as member of the Board. A copy of the decree in Russian is available at: http://static.kremlin.ru/media/acts/files/0001201502160004.pdf.

Anton Khlopkov, 37, is the only expert on nuclear nonproliferation on the Advisory Board. He is the youngest member of 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 secretary of the Security Council, the prime minister, the chief of the Presidential Administration, 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 Vladimir Putin 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/.

CENESS director was appointed as member of the Advisory Board on January 21, 2011, by President Dmitry Medvedev’s Decree No 74 of “On the Composition of the Advisory Board under the Security Council of the Russian Federation”. He was reappointed on April 22, 2013, by President Vladimir Putin’s Decree No 378.

On December 20th 2011, Anton Khlopkov received a letter of appreciation from Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolay Patrushev recognizing his active contribution to the work of the Advisory Board under the Russian Security Council.

Anton Khlopkov is the Director of the Moscow-based Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS) and Editor-in-Chief of the Nuclear Club journal. He is the Chairman of the Moscow Nonproliferation Conference and the Editor-in-Chief of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Encyclopedia (M.: ROSSPEN, 2009). His recent
publications include ‘Russia’s Nuclear Security Policy: Priorities and Potential Areas for Cooperation’ (May 2015), ‘Governing Uranium in Russia’ (November 2014) and ‘How The United States Helped Iran Build A Laser Enrichment Laboratory’ (March 2013).

In 2000-2009 he worked for the Center for Policy Studies in Russia (PIR Center), including as Deputy Director and Executive Director. He was a Visiting Fellow at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies of the Monterey Institute of International Studies in 2000. He graduated from the National Research Nuclear University ‘MEPhI’.

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