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Alexei G. Arbatov was born in Moscow on January 17, 1951. In 1973, he graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations with a diploma in international politics.

Since 1976, Dr. Arbatov has worked at the Russian Academy of Sciences Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO). He received a post-doctorate degree and completed his dissertation on U.S.-Russian strategic relations in 1982, and is currently a professor at the Academy on security, defense and law enforcement under the President of Russia. In 2003, Dr. Arbatov was elected as a corresponding member of the Academy.

Dr. Arbatov has served as a consultant to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defense. He has also participated as a member of the official delegations for START-1 negotiations and the working groups on IRF/SNF, CFE and START-2 negotiations.

Since 1990, Dr. Arbatov has served as the head of the IMEMO Center for Geopolitical and Military Forecasts, which was transformed in 2001 into the larger Center for International Security. The Center now comprises departments on nuclear nonproliferation, regional conflicts, terrorism and strategic studies.

From 1994 to 2003, Dr. Arbatov was a member of the YABLOKO faction in the Russian Parliament (State Duma) and Deputy Chairman of the Defence Committee. In that capacity, he was responsible for approval and oversight of the military budget, international treaties on arms control, government defense orders, the defense industry, Russian military reform and local conflicts in the world.

After parliamentary elections in 2003, Dr. Arbatov returned to IMEMO on a full-time basis. He is a member of the Advisory Council to the Foreign Minister and heads a panel on strategic planning for the Scientific Board of the Security Council of Russian Federation. Arbatov is a member of the influential NGO - Council for Foreign and Defense Policy (analogue to US Council on Foreign Affairs). He also works part-time at the Institute of Europe (Russian Academy of Sciences) and is a resident scholar at the Carnegie Moscow Center.

Dr. Arbatov is Russian representative at the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission under the leadership of Hans Blix, is a member of the Governing Board of SIPRI, the International Advisory Board of the Geneva DCAF Institute, and the Monterey Institute Center for Nonproliferation Studies.

He is a chairman of the board of a charity fund for the families of service members of the 76th airborne division.

He is the author of numerous books, articles and papers on issues of global security, strategic stability, disarmament, Russian military reform and various current domestic and foreign political issues, published in Russia and abroad. He has been awarded military and academic medals and honors.

Dr. Arbatov is married and has a daughter. His hobbies include diving, downhill skiing, rock-climbing and martial arts.