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Il Direttore

THE DISSOLUTION OF SOVIET UNION: two
testimonies

The topic and the testimonies:

Soviet Union dissolved a little more than 20 years ago in the very same 1992 year when the creation of the Euro was decided and China officially opened up to the global market. From the dissolution of the Soviet Union countries emerged that are largely different one from another: Russian Federation (giant of the energy market and growing economic player), Baltic Republics (by now firmly involved in EU and NATO), Caucasian Countries (also players in the energy market), the five Central Asia Republics (rich in natural resources), Ukraine (positioned itself as a buffer between Western Europe and Russian Federation). The time appears ripen to rethink these epoch making events also to try to better understand how much of today can be linked back to what happened 20 years ago.

Alexey KOZHEMYAKOV, Advisor in the Administration of President Gorbachev in the hot days that led to the dissolution of the Soviet Union will present us the story from his privileged standpoint. Arkadi SYTINE will tell us how the Soviet Union, later Russian Federation, was involved as a first rank player in *Council of Europe*.

Program:

Chairman : Francesco COLONNA (journalist from Il Corriere della Sera)

09:30 hrs. Prof. Umberto GORI - «1992 a key year in the international architecture: ratification of Maastricht Treaty and of the Treaty creating the Community of Independent States»

09:45hrs Presentation by Alexey KOZHEMYAKOV, Dr. of Sc./Ph.D (law), “The End of the Soviet Union and new challenges for Russia”

10:30 hrs. Presentation by Arkadi SYTINE «Soviet Union and Russian Federation in the European Organizations»

11:00 hrs. Coffee break

11:15 hrs Prof. Massimo BALDUCCI - «A personal testimony: a workshop in Maastricht in preparation of the CIS treaty»

Prof. Luciano BOZZO *discussant*

Ore 12:00 Open discussion with the public

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