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# RUSSIAN CAPTURES POST OF SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE GAS EXPORTING COUNTRIES FORUM (GECF)

Leonid Bokhanovsky from Russia has been elected Secretary General of the Forum of Gas Exporting Countries (GECF). Bokhanovsky was elected at the 9<sup>th</sup> GECF Ministerial Meeting held in Doha, Qatar on December 9, 2009. Bokhanovsky was among six candidates vying for the post from Egypt, Iran, Libya, Nigeria, and Trinidad and Tobago. The full list of candidates for the renewable two-year post was:

- Dr. Hamed Aly Hamed Korkor (**Egypt**)
- Mr. Hojatollah Ghanimi Fard (**Iran**)
- H.E. Fathi Hamad Ben-Shatwan (**Libya**)
- H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Olatunde Odusina (**Nigeria**)
- Mr. Leonid Bokhanovsky (**Russia**)
- Mr. Eric Williams (**Trinidad & Tobago**)

The GECF created in 2001, has the following members: Algeria, Bolivia, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Iran, Kazakhstan (observer), Libya, Nigeria, Norway (observer), Qatar, Russia, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela. The accession of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Netherlands to the GECF is in process.

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