



Chairman of the Council of Ministers Nikolay Ryzhkov

Mr. Ryzhkov was born on September 28, 1929. An ethnic Russian, he was raised in the Ukraine and worked in the Donetsk Basin as a miner. He joined the Communist Party in 1956 and graduated from the night division of the Ural Polytechnic Institute in 1959.

From 1950 to 1975, Mr. Ryzhkov worked in Sverdlovsk (Russian Republic) at the Ural Heavy Machine Building Plant, which produces much of the country's metallurgical equipment, and as plant director of a conglomerate of smaller plants. In 1975 he moved to Moscow as First Deputy Minister of Heavy and Transport Machine Building. In 1979 he became First Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Committee.

Mr. Ryzhkov was appointed party secretary for economic affairs in November 1982. In April 1985, he was elevated to full membership in the Politburo, becoming Senior Secretary for Economic Affairs. Five months later, he became Chairman of the Council of Ministers. Shortly thereafter, he relinquished his positions on the Secretariat and in the Economics Department. On June 7, 1989, he was reappointed Chairman of the Council of Ministers by the new Supreme Soviet.

Mr. Ryzhkov has received numerous state awards, including two prestigious prizes for his innovative work in metallurgy. Mr. Ryzhkov and his wife, Lyudmila, have one daughter and two grandchildren.