Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations meets with ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain



On October 29, 2020, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations (DECR), met with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Russia Mr. Ahmed Al Saati.

Participating in the talk was also Archpriest Sergiy Zvonarev, DECR secretary for the affairs of the far-abroad diaspora.

Metropolitan Hilarion warmly welcomed the diplomat to the oldest synodal department.

In his turn, the ambassador thanked the hierarch for the possibility to meet and greeted the metropolitan on behalf of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain. The diplomat noted the respect enjoyed by the Orthodox Church in the country. He also introduced Metropolitan Hilarion to the interreligious initiatives

and projects, including those of international level, implemented with the support of the Bahrain authorities.

The DECR chairman recounted the experience of the functioning of the Interreligious Council in Russia and the Christian Inter-Confessional Committee, which have on their agendas the pressing problems of social development.

They also discussed topics of mutual interest and outlined areas for cooperation in the future.

In conclusion of the talk, the sides exchanged tokens of the meeting.

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