



## **DECR chairman meets with Ethiopian ambassador in Russia**

On October 29, 2020, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Department for External Church Relations (DECR), met with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in the Russian Federation Mr. Tegenu Aargau, at the DECR.

They were joined in their talk from the Ethiopian side by Mr. Kassa Gebreyohannes Gebremichael, deputy head of the Ethiopian diplomatic mission, and Hieromonk Stephen (Igumnov), secretary for inter-Christian relations, from the DECR.

The sides discussed the situation in Ethiopia where in the last year there have been attacks of extremists on churches, clergy and the faithful of the Ethiopian Church.

They also dealt with topics concerning the development of cooperation between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Ethiopian embassy in Russia.

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