



Patriarch Kirill's condolences on the death of former President of France Jacques Chirac

His Holiness Kirill, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, expressed condolences upon the death of former President of the Republic of France Jacques Chirac.

His Excellency Emmanuel Macron

President

Republic of France

Your Excellency, Dear Mr. President:

With sorrow I have learnt about the death of Jacques Chirac, the former President of France and an outstanding statesman.

As the head of the Fifth Republic, the deceased exerted great efforts to improve the economic and social situation of his fellow-citizens. Jacques Chirac was a consistent supporter of the development and strengthening of friendly relations between the peoples of our two countries.

I would like to make a special mention of Mr. Chirac's support for joint Russian-French initiatives including the construction of a Russian spiritual and cultural Orthodox center in Paris.

I extend to you and to the family and friends of the deceased as well as to all the French people sincere words of compassion for this loss.

With condolences,

+ Kirill

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia