



Representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church to the Local Orthodox Churches, interchurch organizations and international institutions meet at the DECR



On 26 March 2018, a meeting of representatives of the Russian Orthodox Churches to the Local Orthodox Churches, interchurch organizations and international institutions took place at the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations (DECR) with the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia.

The DECR chairman Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk chaired the meeting, attending which were archimandrite Alexander (Yelisov), head of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem; archimandrite Vassian (Zmeyev), rector of the metochion of the Russian Orthodox Church in Sofia; archpriest Mikhail Gundayev, representative of the Moscow Patriarchate to the World Council of Churches and international institutions in Geneva; archpriest Viktor Lyutik, representative of the Moscow Patriarchate in Finland; archpriest Vitaly Tarasjev, rector of the metochion of the Russian Orthodox Church in Belgrade; archpriest Nikolai Lischenyuk, rector of the metochion of the Russian

Orthodox Church in Karlovy Vary; hegumen Arseny (Sokolov), representative of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia to the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East; hegumen Philipp (Ryabykh), representative of the Moscow Patriarchate to the European international institutions; Rev. Viktor Kulaga, representative of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia to the Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa; archpriest Nikolai Balashov and archimandrite Philaret (Bulekov), vice-chairmen of the DECR; archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, Rev. Sergy Zvonarev and Rev. Dimitry Safonov, DECR secretaries; and archpriest Vladimir Aleksandrov, a DECR staff member.

Discussed at the meeting were topical issues pertaining to cooperation between the DECR and representatives of the Russian Orthodox Churches to the Local Orthodox Churches, interchurch organizations and international institutions.

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