



Directorate; Mr. Sergei Melnikov, assistant at the Presidential Domestic Policy Directorate, executive secretary of the Presidential Council for Cooperation with Religious Organizations; Mr. Yevgeny Timokhin, Ambassador at Large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; Mufti Rushan hazrat Abbyasov, first deputy chairman of the Russia Muftis Council; Archpriest Nikolai Balashov, DECR vice-chairman; Mr. Georgy Zunoviev, Minister Counsellor of the Russian Embassy in China; Mr. V. Fadeyev, Senior Counsellor of the Russian Embassy in China; Mr. Dmitry Petrovsky, DECR staff member; Mr. Ildar hazrat Galejev, head of the International Department of the Russia Muftis Council; Mr. G. Zhigarkov, Third Secretary of the Russian Embassy in China; and Mr. Alexander Yershov, DECR staff member.

Representing the People's Republic of China at the meeting were director of the SARA Fourth Department Huang Zhihui; director of the SARA Department for International Relations Xiao Hong; deputy director of the SARA Fourth Department Kuang Sheng; head of the Second Bureau of the SARA Department for International Relations Xue Chunmei; head of the Second Bureau of the SARA Fourth Department Wang Xiaogang; consultant of the SARA Fourth Department Hao Rongnan; a staff member of the Second Bureau of the SARA Department for International Relations, Shi Yujie; and a staff member of the Department of Europe and Central Asia of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Li Youran.

After the meeting Mr. Zhang Yantong, deputy head of the State Administration for Religious Affairs, gave a reception in honour of Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk and the Russian delegation.

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