President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko sends greetings to participants in the Bishops' Council of the Russian Orthodox Church

Mr. Alexander Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, sent a message of greetings to the participants in the Bishops' Council of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Your Holiness,

Esteemed Participants in the Bishops' Council,

Please accept my cordial greetings with the opening of the Bishops' Council.

This assembly of archpastors is of special symbolical significance for it is being held on the centenary of the great Local Council of the Russian Church and the restoration of the Patriarchate.

The Russian Orthodox Church has trodden a difficult historical path, preserving for centuries the lofty spiritual and moral ideals and preaching justice, love, peace and creative work. And today it enjoys the unwavering authority, being the foundation of unity and solidarity in society.

Убежден, что труды Архиерейского Собора будут значимы и плодотворны, а принятые решения послужат доброму делу духовного совершенствования братских народов.

I believe that the work of the Bishops' Council will be important and fruitful and that its decisions will help the fraternal peoples in their pursuit of spiritual growth.

I sincerely wish to Your Holiness and to all the participants in this lofty meeting good health, success and wellbeing.

Alexander Lukashenko

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