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Patriarch Kirill's congratulations to Patriarch Tawadros II of the Coptic Church on his 65th birthday and 5th anniversary of his election to the Patriarchal see

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia has sent a message to Patriarch Tawadros II of the Coptic Church congratulating him on his 65th birthday and the 5th anniversary of his election to the Patriarchal see.

His Holiness TAWADROS II

Pope of Alexandria and

Patriarch of the See of St. Mark in All Africa and the Middle East

Your Holiness,

I cordially greet you on the occasion of your 65th birthday and congratulate you on the 5th anniversary of your election to the Patriarchal see.

The years of your Patriarchal service are marked not only with the flourishing of the spiritual life of the Coptic Church in Egypt but also the strengthening of her role and authority in many countries of the world, in which your flock reside. Showing tireless concern for the God-commanded Christian unity, you also give considerable attention to the development of relations with the Moscow Patriarchate. It is gratifying that as part of the work of the Commission for Dialogue between our Churches, cooperation has been maintained in a whole number of areas. Remembering with warmth the latest meeting with you in Moscow in May, I hope that our fruitful and beneficial interaction will be continued.

I wish Your Holiness good health, spiritual fortitude and God's most abundant help in your lofty and important ministry. Many good years be to you.

With love in the Lord,

+ Kirill

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

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