His Holiness Patriarch Kirill expresses condolences over EgyptAir plane crash that claimed lives of 66 people

The Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church sent messages to French President François Hollande and to the President of Egypt, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, expressing condolences over the death of people at the result of the crash of the EgyptAir plane en route from Paris to Cairo. The text of the messages is given below.

His Excellency

Mr. François Hollande

President of the French Republic

Your Excellency, dear Mr. President,

It was with pain in my heart that I learned about the Egyptian airlines plane crash over the Mediterranean Sea. Among those who died were citizens of your country. I extend my sincere condolences to you and to all people of France.

May the Merciful Lord grant fortitude and strength to the relatives and friends of those killed in the catastrophe in enduring this terrible ordeal.

Yours sincerely,

+KIRILL

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His Excellency

Mr. Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

President

Arab Republic of Egypt

Your Excellency, dear Mr. President,

I was deeply grieved to learn about the Egyptian plane crash over the Mediterranean Sea. The tragedy claimed the lives of 66 people, most of whom were citizens of Egypt.

I convey to you, to the relatives and friends of those who died in the catastrophe, and to all people of your country the words of compassion and support.

With sincere condolences,

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