



Metropolitan Hilarion meets with newly appointed Russia's Ambassador to Austria



On 18 August 2015, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, met with Mr. Dmitry Lyubinsky, newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Austria. Taking part in the meeting were also Archpriest Sergiy Zvonarev, DECR Secretary for Far Abroad Countries, and Hierodeacon Roman (Kiselev), a staff member of the DECR Secretariat for Far Abroad Countries.

Metropolitan Hilarion welcomed Mr. Lyubinsky to the Synodal institution responsible for international contacts of the Russian Orthodox Church. He shared with the guest his recollections of the time when he had served in Vienna, having noted a high level of cooperation between the Russian Church and the Roman Catholic Church in Austria.

Mr. Lyubinsky expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to meet with the DECR chairman before leaving for Vienna. The participants in the meeting discussed various aspects of spiritual support provided to the compatriots living in Austria and other issues of mutual interest.

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