



DECR chairman meets with a delegation of the French Institute for Higher National Defence Studies

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On March 20, 2012, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations, met with a delegation of the Institute for Higher National Defence Studies in France, at the DECR's Great Hall.

Present at the meeting were Fr. Philaret Bulekov, a DECR vice-chairman, and Fr. Ioann Guaita of the DECR secretariat for inter-Christian relations.

Addressing the delegation in French, Metropolitan Hilarion spoke about the Russian Orthodox Church, its external activities, the present situation in inter-Orthodox and inter-Christian relations, the problem of Christianophobia in the world today, the persecution of Christians in various regions and the Church's peace service.

After his address, Metropolitan Hilarion answered questions from those present.

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