



**THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Department for External Church Relations

## **President Dmitry Medvedev congratulates Karekin I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, on his 60th birthday**

*The Head of the Russian State sent the following congratulations to the Primate of the Armenian Apostolic Church on the occasion of his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday:*

**To: Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians Karekin II**

Your Holiness,

I cordially congratulate you on your 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The time of your primatial service has been marked with true flourishing of the Armenian Apostolic Church, restoration and construction of churches and realization of important educational and charitable projects.

You have given special attention to the development of inter-church dialogue which contributes to the strengthening of friendship and mutual understanding between our fraternal nations. Your efforts to promote inter-confessional and international peace in the Caucasus deserve utmost respect.

Please accept my wishes of sound health and success in your important ministry.

My wife joins me in my congratulations.

**D. Medvedev**