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Inter-Council Presence's Commission on Attitude to Non-Orthodoxy and Other Religions meets at DECR

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On 21 March 2011, the Inter-Council Presence's Commission on Attitude to Non-Orthodoxy and Other Religions met at the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations. The session was chaired by Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk.

The participants discussed the results of the work done by the Commission during its first year and a draft document on the Accession of non-Orthodox Christians to the Orthodox Church. The Commission decided to form a working group and invite experts to study various aspects of the practice of accession to the Orthodox Church through the Sacrament of Chrismation and its history. The Commission set up a working group for study and classification of sects. Other working groups will consider the question of the accession rite for the Pentecostals, Baptists, Adventists, Anglicans, the Reformed, Lutherans, and Old Catholics.

Draft documents on the practice of accession to the Orthodox Church will be submitted to the Commission's next session in June 2011.

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