



## **Meeting with high representative of the UN Alliance of Civilizations Jorge Sampaio to take place at DECR MP**

A meeting with Mr. Jorge Sampaio, the High Representative of the UN Alliance of Civilization, will take place at the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relation on 9 September 2010. Taking part in the meeting will be DECR deputy chairman hegumen Philipp (Ryabykh), representatives of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and DECR staff members.

Key positions of the Russian Orthodox Church on interreligious dialogue will be presented.

*Note:* The Alliance of Civilization is a major initiative proposed in 2005 under the UN auspice. Over ninety states, Russian including, are taking part in it. The Alliance's work is being done mainly at the UN headquarters in New York. Its forums, attended by high-level secular participants, were held in Madrid, Spain (2008), Istanbul, Turkey (2009), and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2010). DECR representatives attended two forums. Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk and Kaliningrad (now Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia) received Mr. Samaio in Moscow on 24 October 2007.

The meeting will take place at the DECR MP (Danilovsky Val, 22) at 11.00 a.m. on 9 September 2010. For accreditation call (495) 633-8428, or e-mail to [csi@mospatr.ru](mailto:csi@mospatr.ru)