



Patriarch Kirill meets with Abkhazian President S. Bagapsh

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia met with the Abkhazian President S. Bagapsh and Ms. Bagapsh on 18 February 2010 at the Throne Hall of the cathedral Church of Christ the Saviour.

Participating in the meeting were also Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations, and Archpriest Nikolay Balashov, DECR vice-chairman.

Welcoming the high guest, Patriarch Kirill congratulated him on his re-election as President of Abkhazia.

His Holiness gave his patriarchal blessing to Mr. Bagapsh and his wife and expressed hope for the development of good relations of friendship and cooperation between the peoples of Russia and Abkhazia.

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