Archbishop Hilarion meets with the Catholicos of All Armenians Karekin II

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On 22 January 2010, Archbishop Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Department for external church relations, met with the Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians Karekin II at "Danilovskaya" hotel.

They were joined by hieromonk Philipp (Ryabykh), DECR deputy chairman, and the DECR staff member Giovanni Guaita on the part of the Russian Orthodox Church; Bishop Ezras Nersesian, head of the Novo-Nakhichevan diocese, and priest Vagram Melikian, director of the Information Centre of the Catholicosate of All Armenians.

They discussed a forthcoming visit of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia to Armenia. Archbishop Hilarion told the Catholicos of All Armenians about recent structural changes in the Russian Orthodox Church, while His Holiness Karekin II spoke about changes in the administrative structures of the Catholicosate of All Armenians.

The talk was held in the atmosphere off brotherly love and mutual understanding.

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