



DECR Deputy Chairman meets with the Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska Mr. Igor Radojicic

On 27 October 2009, the DECR Deputy Chairman hieromonk Philipp (Ryabykh) met with the Chairman of the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska Igor Radojicic. Taking part in the meeting were Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Russia Zeljko Janjetovic, members of the National Assembly, staff members of the Embassy; DECR acting secretary for far-abroad countries Rev. Sergy Zvonarev, and a DECR staff member V. Matiyashin.

Chairman Radojicic conveyed greetings from the leaders of the Republic of Srpska to His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia and told about the present difficult social and political situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He noted a wish of the Muslim majority to build up a Unitarian state in which the importance of other ethnic communities would be diminished.

Hieromonk Philipp underscored the most important role of Orthodoxy in maintaining and developing the relations between the Russian Serbian people. He expressed his appreciation of the fact that many young people from the Republic of Srpska are studying in the theological educational institutions of the Russian Orthodox Church and shared his understanding of the concerns of the Serbs living in Bosnia and Herzegovina, noting the importance of peaceful solution of political and interethnic problems with the interests of all people in the region taken into account. He said, "It is necessary to create conditions under which all people in Bosnia and Herzegovina could live in tranquility and prosperity."