

## DECR chairman meets with Qatar's ambassador to Russia



On July 1, 2021, DECR chairman Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk received Mr. Ahmed Bin Nasser Al-Thani, Qatar's ambassador to the Russian Federation, who has recently entered upon the responsibilities of his office. The meeting took place at the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate.

Present from the Qatar's side were also Mr. Abdulrahman Saleh Al-Kuwari and Mr. Abdulaziz Ahmed Al-Mulla, third secretaries of the embassy. From the DECR side, there was Rev. Dimitry Safonov, secretary for interreligious relations.

Among the issues discussed was the work of the Doha International Center on Interfaith Dialogue (DICID). Metropolitan Hilarion told the guests about his meeting in March 2018 with the DICID head, Dr Ibrahim Nuaimi. They also discussed ways of overcoming extremism disguised under religious slogans and opposing terrorism and oppression of religious minorities. They also considered other aspects of cooperation.

In conclusion of the meeting the sides came to consensus on the need to continue cooperation.

