DECR chairman begins his working trip to the Holy Land

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On November 2, with a blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Mosco and All Russia, the chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, arrived in Israel on a working visit.

On November 3, the DECR chairman was received in audience at the Patriarchate of Jerusalem by His Beatitude Theophilos III, Patriarch of the Holy City of Jerusalem and all Palestine.

During a prolonged conversation, which was held in a warm and confidential atmosphere, they dealt

with topics on the common Orthodox agenda and other issues of mutual concern. In particular, they discussed the situation of Christians in the Middle East as well as prospects for the development of cooperation between the two Churches.

Attending the meeting were Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina; Archimandrite Alexander (Yelisov), head of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem; Archpriest Nikolay Balashov, an adviser to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia; Archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, acting vice-chairman of the DECR; the Rev. Alexander Ershov, assistant to the DECR chairman; E.I. Skopenko, executive director of the Foundation for Support of Christian Culture and Heritage; Hegumen Nikon (Golovko), Hieromonk Dometian (Markarian) and Hieromonk Afanasy (Bukin), members of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem.

In conclusion of the conversation, His Beatitude Theophilos and Metropolitan Anthony exchanged tokens of the meeting.

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