DECR representative takes part in interreligious forum at the Pubic Chamber of the Russian Federation



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On December 22, a research and practice conference on “Islam – an integral part of religious heritage of Russia: 1100th anniversary of Volga Bulgaria’s conversion to Islam” took place at the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation. The conference was organized by the Commission of the RF Public Chamber for Harmonization of Interethnic and Interreligious Relations and the Spiritual Assembly of Muslims of Russia.

Mufti Albir Hazrat Krganov, head of the Assembly and vice-chairman of the Commission acted as moderator. Taking part in the conference were representatives of the state, public, charitable and nonprofit organizations, academic and educational community, experts, and religious and public figures. Welcoming remarks were delivered by Mr. Konstantin Blazhenov, deputy chairman of the Department for national politics and interregional relations of Moscow and head of the administration for relations with religious organizations, and by Mr. Danis Shakirov, chairman of the Executive Committee of the World Congress of Tatars.

With the blessing of Metropolitan Antony of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, taking part in the conference was Rev. Dimitry Safonov, DECR secretary for interreligious relations.

In his presentation he told the audience about the experience of cooperation with Islamic communities and organizations, for instance, with the Spiritual Assembly of Muslims of Russia, in the work with migrants and collecting and delivering humanitarian aid to the Syria and Donbass residents, and also about activities of the Interreligious Working Group for Protecting Believers' Rights against Discrimination and Xenophobia. Rev Dimitry mentioned the conference organized with Mufti Krganov's participation on the role of Orthodoxy and Islam in harmonization of life in modern society held in Tashkent on June 3, 2022. The DECR secretary also spoke about the history of interreligious peace dialogue started in the USSR in the postwar years, focusing on the role played by the Moscow Patriarchate and the chairmen of the Spiritual Administrations of Muslims.

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