



Russian Orthodox Church receives certificate of state registration in the Democratic Republic of the Congo



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The Russian Orthodox Church has legally established its presence in yet another African country.

On 16th October 2026, in Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mr Guillaume Ngefa Atondoko, Minister of State in Charge of Justice and Keeper of the Seals, met with a delegation of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa and officially presented it with a certificate of state registration of the Russian Orthodox Church in the country.

Taking part in the meeting were Mr Dmitry Nikitin, First Counsellor of the Russian Embassy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Priest Nicholas Musoya, Dean of the Exarchate's parishes in the country; Hieromonk Cleonic (Madudu), Rector of the Parish of the Archangel Raphael in Kinshasa; and Priest Ambrose Bukasa, Rector of the Parish of St. Moses Murin in Kwilu Province. Representing the

Ministry of Justice were also Mr Gaston Osanga, Chief of the Minister's Office, and other staff members.

As the website of the Patriarchal Exarchate of Africa **reports**, earlier this year the Russian Orthodox Church received certificates of state registration in the Republic of Cameroon, the Republic of Madagascar, and the Republic of the Congo.

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