

Freedom of Muslim religion in modern Russia

Dear participants!

On behalf of the Spiritual Assembly of Muslims of Russia, I would like to express my sincere and deep respect to you and wish all your loved ones peace, prosperity and grace of the Most High.

The resolution of the UN General Assembly "Promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace" adopted on December 3, 2015 states that "tolerance of cultural, ethnic, religious and linguistic differences contributes to peace, mutual understanding and friendship between people belonging to different cultures and countries, and that the preservation of these differences should be part of the appropriate efforts to maintain intercultural and interreligious dialogue."

The thousand-year history and fate of Russia is inseparable from traditional religions. Muslims of Russia have been its indigenous population for many centuries. Speaking in Kazan on January 25, 2018, the President of Russia noted that "... without any doubt, traditional Islam is an important part of the Russian cultural code, and the Muslim ummah is without a doubt an important part of the Russian multinational people."

In modern Russia, there are all conditions for the free religion of Muslims. Over the past decades, parishes have been created everywhere, thousands of mosques have been built, Islamic religious organizations are working, dozens of Islamic educational institutions are training personnel. The situation in the Russian Ummah is generally stable and calm.

The development of the Islamic tradition, the freedom of religion of Muslims in modern Russia have strong constitutional and legal guarantees. The law protects the rights and freedoms of believers, does not allow discrimination based on faith, insulting the feelings of believers. Arising problems and controversial issues are resolved during the conciliation proceedings and in court.

Islam has a great canonical, spiritual and moral potential for the development of humanitarian cooperation and the strengthening of inter-religious inter-civilizational dialogue in modern conditions.

And within the framework of such a dialogue, our Western partners should understand and take into account the religious and cultural identity of Islamic civilization, the existence of the Islamic doctrine of human rights, our ideas, views on nature, the genesis of these rights and the socio-cultural features of their implementation. We, our non-Western religious and ethnocultural traditions and doctrines of the Western secular world must be heard and understood.

I tirelessly ask Allah Almighty to preserve peace on earth, peace and prosperity. People must grow stronger in spirit and assert themselves in good deeds.

Thanks for attention!