

HIS EMINENCE THE ARCHBISHOP OF FINLAND VISITS LOCAL POLITICAL AUTHORITIES

On Monday the 22nd of April/5th of May 2014, concluding His official visit to the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, the Archbishop of Finland visited local political Authorities as Head of Church.

Accompanied by His Beatitude Theophilos, Patriarch of Jerusalem, the Most Reverend Isychios, Metropolitan of Kapitolias who had accompanied Him throughout all His visits, and the Elder Secretary-General, Archbishop Aristarchos of Constantina, the Archbishop of Finland saw Mr Avi Granot, Director of the Foreign Ministry and former Ambassador of Israel to Finland.

During the visit, a discussion was held on the collaboration between the state of Israel and Finland, and the contribution of Finland's Orthodox Church to a peaceful religious coexistence, the fight against terrorism and the attraction of more pilgrims to shrines within Israel.

Subsequently, His Eminence Leo, Archbishop of Finland, and His honourable retinue, accompanied by the Patriarch of Jerusalem, visited Mr Hanna Amira, Chairman of the Christian Affairs Committee in Ramallah.

Mr Amira courteously received the Archbishop on behalf of President Mahmoud Abbas and informed Him on the collaboration between his Committee and the Palestinian Autonomy, with the Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

From the Secretariat-General