

THE PRESIDENT OF DEMOCRACY & MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AT THE PATRIARCHATE

On Monday morning, 28th February/13th March 2017, the President of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mr. Mladen Ivanić visited the Patriarchate, being in Israel for a visit. The President was escorted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Igor Crnadak, the Ambassador Mrs. Jelena Rajaković and a 20-member team of his associates.

The President and his team were warmly received by H.H.B. our Father and Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos with Hagiotaphite Fathers.

Within this visit, Mr. President expressed his joy for visiting Israel, the Holy Land, the Patriarchate and the Church of the Resurrection, from which he expects the blessing for his country.

Replying, His Beatitude expressed His joy for the visit of such a Presidential team, coming from a country with a complexity of political problems both in the past and at present, as He himself noted in His visit to Montenegro a few months ago, when He was invited by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Amphilochios of Montenegro for the inauguration of the Holy Church of the Martyr St. Vladimir.

His Beatitude moreover referred to the peacemaker role of the Orthodox Church which unites in its Body various Orthodox nationalities occasionally competing with each other.

His Beatitude also discussed with the President the jurisdiction of the Patriarchate in the Holy Land, extending

as far as Qatar, where the Patriarchate founded an Archdiocese under the lead of the Most Reverend Archbishop Makarios of Qatar, who has studied Theology at the University of Belgrade in Serbia.

The visit concluded with exchanging of gifts and the President's wish to visit the Holy Sepulchre.

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