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"Now, it is necessary to preserve our spiritual unity, even in the conditions of an ecclesiastical crisis. We see that many countries are ready for an independent policy to protect peace on equal terms," said Sergei Gavrilov.

During his visit to the Republic of Belarus, the MP met with the members of the Council of the House of Representatives of Belarus and member of the delegation of the House of Representatives of Belarus to the IAO. Mr. Gennady Davydko. Sergei Gavrilov highlighted topics of cooperation of the IAO, pilgrimage programs, cultural collaboration, and publications following the successful publication of the volume "Hagia Sophia. The churches of the Wisdom of God around the world", which was the result of the I.A.O. cooperation with the Center of Excellence "Utilization of the Orthodox Heritage and Interreligious Dialogue" of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

"Inter-parliamentary contacts, within the framework of the Assembly of Orthodoxy, contribute to the strengthening of overall stability," Sergei Gavrilov said.