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25th Anniversary Celebrations of the Biblical-Theological Institute St Andrew's of Moscow

Respected Dr Bodrov,

It is a genuine pleasure for me to present to you the congratulations of the World Council of Churches' programme on Ecumenical Theological Education at the occasion of your institute's celebrations of 25 years of existence.

The Biblical-Theological Institute St Andrew's of Moscow constitutes for the programme on Ecumenical Theological Education an important forum for research and exchange on biblical and theological issues, open for the ecumenical perspective. Your institute's contributions to establish a culture of respectful debate on different theological traditions are crucial in times marked by changes in the ecclesial and societal landscape.

We wish to commend you for your sustained efforts in providing theological education opportunities especially for young people through your *Summer Institutes*, and for your publications which undoubtedly serve as important instruments for nurturing the understanding between different ecclesial and theological traditions.

We send you our reiterated congratulations at the occasion of your anniversary and all our best wishes for the continuation of your important ministry.

Yours sincerely,

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