

XVII RUSSIAN WORLD ASSEMBLY DECLARATION

We, the participants of XVII the Russian World Assembly – representatives of international organizations and government agencies, the Russian and foreign professional communities in the fields of education, Russian philology, science and culture, the media, and public figures, diplomats and clergy members, assembled in Moscow, Russian Federation on 20-22 October, 2025.

Noting the significant contribution of the Russian World to the development of world civilization, education, science and culture, and the promotion of the principle of multilingualism;

Acknowledging the important place that the Russian language occupies among the languages of the world, its role in the activities of international universal and regional organizations, and its importance for the development of various economic sectors of foreign countries;

Emphasizing the role of Russian education in the training of qualified personnel for the development of the national economy of foreign countries;

Supporting international scientific and practical cooperation, the development of academic ties and exchanges, and joint research by foreign and Russian scientists, primarily in the fields of philology, literary studies, and translation studies;

Noting the relevance of culture as a tool to stimulate interest in Russia, the Russian language and literature;

Affirming the importance of mutual enrichment of various cultures of the peoples of the Russian Federation and foreign countries for the development of dialogue;

Emphasizing the role of mass media in the dissemination of objective information for the development of mutually beneficial international cooperation, and in solidifying trust and understanding among peoples;

Affirming that the modern multipolar world order is based on cultural, linguistic and civilizational diversity, respect for traditions, and preservation of cultural identity;

Noting the unacceptability of attempts to cancel or isolate the Russian culture, as they are harmful to the world's cultural diversity and deprive the people of the world of their right to learn and appreciate the great cultural heritage that contributes to cultural enrichment;

Emphasizing that all peoples have the right to access the benefits of education, culture, scientific and technological progress, works of world cultural heritage, the use of their native language, and the study of languages, literature and culture of other peoples on a non-discriminatory and equal basis, we declare our intention:

To apply efforts to promote abroad the Russian language, which serves as an essential tool for economic, cultural, humanitarian, scientific and educational cooperation between Russia and foreign countries;

To develop mutually beneficial humanitarian cooperation on a fair, reciprocal, open and non-discriminatory basis;

To develop and strengthen the infrastructure for studying Russian language and literature abroad, to support the improvement of professional skills of Russian language teachers, translators and literary critics;

To form a system of incentives and rewards for organizations, teachers, scientists, linguists, students and students for their contributions and successes in promoting and learning the Russian language, literature and culture;

To develop a digital platform for professional and methodological cooperation among Russian language teachers providing access to the best educational practices, digital instruments and training programs;

To develop and widely disseminate modern educational and methodical complexes and digital educational resources on the Russian as a foreign language tailored to specific countries and regions;

To contribute to holding international scientific fora and to carrying out research aimed at Russian literature studies within the global context as well as its dialogue with other national literatures;

To support the publication and promotion abroad of academic research and popular scientific materials shedding a light on the diversity and contemporary development of Russian literature as well as its interconnection with the global literary process;

To establish international awards and grants for translators of both literary fiction and scientific literature from Russian into other languages of the world and from foreign languages into Russian thus ensuring high standards of cultural and academic exchange;

To contribute to the development of internships and creative apprenticeships for foreign interpreters of Russian literature in Russia, insuring their immersion into the language and cultural environment in order to reach the highest quality of translation;

To expand the practice of establishing and supporting dedicated Russian language resource centers and educational collaboration programs (e.g. network educational programs, double diplomas) on the basis of leading foreign universities, forming points of attraction for learning the Russian language and receiving higher education in collaboration with partners from Russia;

To actively develop network cooperation and academic mobility programs with foreign partner universities including internships for Russian language teachers and foreign students in Russia contributing to forming professional and people to people connections;

To create conditions for obtaining higher education in Russia for foreign applicants who have shown high results in learning Russian as a foreign language;

To foster the work of international educational institutions contributing to the popularization of national traditions, arts and science;

To develop programs for conducting student exchanges, internships, workshops, art festivals and joint creative projects, facilitating the promotion of knowledge of the best samples of Russian and foreign art among the younger generation;

To extend government support to international projects involving representatives of artistic and scientific circles and to create favorable conditions for developing cultural ties and cooperation;

To promote the development of modern online educational platforms and mobile applications, including those using AI, and to expand the use of digital tools to access archives and libraries;

To invest into digital infrastructure for overcoming the digital divide with a focus on developing countries;

To create and support alternative media networks for providing objective information and counteracting the predominance of one-sided opinions on the processes and phenomena unfolding in the world;

To develop joint education programs and exchanges of best practices between journalists with a view to improving their professional level;

To use new media to solidify national unity, especially in crisis situations;

To promote a multipolar communication space, allowing countries to choose their own way of development;

To contribute to the dissemination of objective information on the heritage, values and traditions of the Russian world in order to strengthen trust and understanding between peoples, including the creation of relevant content and support for the media, journalists and bloggers who promote the Russian language and culture;

To support the development of horizontal ties among Russian language teachers, translators, linguists, literary critics, representatives of the cultural sphere and the media for the exchange of practical experience, the implementation of joint humanitarian projects aimed at increasing interest in the Russian language, literature and culture of Russia;

To expand and strengthen the potential of NGOs, foundations and social organizations, associations of graduates of Soviet and Russian universities, engaged in supporting public diplomacy and provide them necessary assistance and support, address the specific interests and country specificities.

To initiate the establishment of the Day of the Public Diplomacy, as well as to form a system of incentives and rewards for persons and organizations for their contributions and successes in this field.

We express our readiness:

To promote the development of mutually beneficial humanitarian cooperation:

carrying out specific initiatives, events, and projects to promote the Russian language, literature, and culture (courses, festivals, exhibitions, olympiads, contests, language camps, exchange of experience in the relevant field, etc.),

creating conditions for the development of respectful international dialogue at relevant venues, organizing events, fora, and conferences;

using various formats, tools and content to stimulate interest in the Russian language, literature and culture abroad.

To actively participate:

- in the evaluation and promotion of high-quality translations of Russian literature, as well as in the creation of professional commentaries and reader's guides for foreign readers and publishers;
- in piloting and adapting new teaching methodologies and digital resources for learning the Russian language, taking into account the specifics of local educational systems and audiences;
- in the establishment and development of international research consortia and electronic databases that provide free access to the study of Russian literary heritage;
- in the development and implementation of short-term programs (e.g., summer schools, intensive courses) in collaboration with foreign partners, aimed at fostering sustained interest in pursuing education in Russia;
- in strengthening international cultural cooperation, developing and implementing joint projects aimed at promoting intercultural dialogue, enhancing mutual understanding, and preserving cultural, literary, and linguistic heritage.

Serve as centers of expertise and consultants on the Russian language and culture in their respective countries, contributing to the formation of an objective image of Russia.

To promote the development of mentorship and tutoring systems for international students studying in Russia to ensure their successful academic and socio-cultural adaptation.

To develop and present relevant research to the international academic community that highlights the value and uniqueness of the Russian literary tradition within the context of world culture.

To contribute to the popularization of contemporary Russian authors abroad through participation in international book fairs, literary festivals, and professional media.

To strengthen international and regional ties to promote objective information and disseminate content that enriches knowledge about the science, education, culture, history, and traditions of different countries and peoples.

To initiate various international humanitarian projects that foster greater understanding and trust among nations.