

Emergency Situations Minister of Armenia Davit Tonoyan Meets with Gérard Collomb, Minister of Interior of France And other counterpart top-officials...

On November 21-24, RA Minister of Emergency Situations **Davit E. Tonoyan** was on a working visit to France at the invitation of the Ministry of Interior of France.

During the visit ES Minister had a number of meetings with Gérard Collomb, Minister of Interior of France, **Jacques Witkowski**, Director General of the Center for Civil Security and Crisis Management of the French Ministry of Interior and **Jean-Marc Lacave**, Director of “Météo-France” state organization.

During the meetings, the sides discussed new opportunities for expanding and deepening cooperation in the field of emergency situations between the two countries, particularly, the intensification of cooperation and activities in the spheres defined in the Letter of Intent signed between the RA Ministry of Emergency Situations and the French Ministry of Interior on May 15, 2014.

An agreement was reached to collaborate in retraining of staff and exchange of experience in carrying out rescue operations in mountainous areas and fighting wildfires for developing staff skills. Both sides also expressed readiness to exchange experiences in further development of the volunteer rescue movement as well as strengthen coop-



eration with the RA MES Psychological Assistance Department and Center of Disaster Medical Treatment through organizing and implementing professional trainings, conferences, video-conferences, seminars, symposiums, research works and mutual visits.

During the meeting with Jean-Marc Lacave, Director of Météo-France state organization, the possibilities of applying the progressive experience of “Meteo-France” in modernization of the RA MES Hydrometeorology and Monitoring Service as well as the professional training opportunities of the service personnel were discussed.

Let’s remind that within the frames of the working visit Minister of Emergency Situations also visited the 20th “Milipol Paris” exhibition organized by the French Ministry of Interior that is the first international exhibition-salon dedicated to security and innovations. The newest technologies and services in numerous spheres would be presented at the Exhibition: fight against terrorism and organized crime, border control, protection of the most important infrastructures, urban security, risks management analysis and cyber security, etc.

