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Church of Greece's Holy Synod expected to discuss gov't plan for Church-state relations



A closely watched meeting of the Church of Greece's standing Holy Synod is scheduled for next week. According to reports by the Orthodoxy news agency, members of a committee of dialogue tasked with holding talks with the relevant education ministry will be present.

Church hierarchs are expected to discuss a multi-page "implementation plan" submitted by Education Minister Kostas Gavroglu regarding the government's initiatives to change Church-state relations.

The meeting comes amid continuing and strong reactions by Orthodox clerics in the country over the government's insistence on altering the payroll regime for clerics.