

Medvedev Allocates \$20M to French Cathedral Renovation

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Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev has signed a decree to allocate about \$20 million to renovate the St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Nice, France, the largest Russian Orthodox Cathedral outside Russia.

The decree, posted on the government's official website late last week, says the building will be handed over to the Russian Orthodox Church for "use without charge" when the renovation is complete.

Under the decree, Russia will spend about \$2 million on repairs this year, \$13.5 million next year and up to \$4.5 million in 2015.

The building was previously owned by the Russian Orthodox Association of Nice. In early 2010, the Nice Superior Court declared Russia to be the rightful owner of the cathedral, which was built in 1912.

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