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Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis in Mozambique, Madagascar and Mauritius (4 to 10 September 2019) – Farewell Ceremony in Mauritius and Telegrams to Heads of State

Farewell Ceremony at Port Louis Airport, Mauritius

Telegram to the *interim* President of the Republic of Mauritius

Telegram to the President of the French Republic

Farewell Ceremony at Port Louis Airport, Mauritius

At 18.45 (16.45 Rome), the farewell ceremony took place in Port Louis Airport, Mauritius.

Upon arrival in the airport, the Holy Father Francis was welcomed by the prime minister, Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth. After passing through the Guard of Honour, the Pope boarded an Air Mauritius A330 in order to return to Madagascar.

The aircraft carrying the Holy Father departed from Port Louis Airport at 19.15 local time (17.15 in Rome) and landed at Antananarivo Airport at 20.10 local time (19.10 in Rome).

The Pope returned by car to the apostolic nunciature of Antananarivo.

Telegram to the *interim* President of the Republic of Mauritius

Immediately after departure from Port Louis, the Holy Father Francis sent the following telegraphic message to the *interim* President of the Republic of Mauritius, Mr. Barlen Vyapoory:

HIS EXCELLENCY PARAMASIVUM PILLAY VYAPOORY
ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS
PORT LOUIS

AS I DEPART FROM MAURITIUS TO RETURN TO ROME, I RENEW MY DEEP GRATITUDE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE BELOVED PEOPLE OF MAURITIUS FOR YOUR KIND WELCOME AND GENEROUS HOSPITALITY. INVOKING ABUNDANT DIVINE BLESSINGS UPON ALL OF YOU, I ASSURE YOU OF MY FERVENT PRAYERS FOR PEACE AND HARMONY IN THE NATION.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Telegram to the President of the French Republic

In the act of flying over the Island of Réunion, a French department in the Indian Ocean, the Holy Father sent the following telegraphic message to the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron:

HIS EXCELLENCY EMMANUEL MACRON
PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
PARIS

AS MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TAKES ME OVER RÉUNION, I SEND CORDIAL GREETINGS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, AND I WILLINGLY INVOKE THE DIVINE BLESSINGS OF PEACE AND JOY UPON RÉUNION.

FRANCISCUS PP.
