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Apostolic Journey of the Holy Father Francis in Budapest for the concluding Holy Mass of the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, and in Slovakia (12-15 September 2021 – Farewell Ceremony, Telegram to the President of the Slovak Republic, and Telegrams to Heads of State

Farewell Ceremony from Slovakia at Bratislava International Airport

Telegram to the President of the Slovak Republic

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Following the Eucharistic celebration at the National Shrine of Šaštín, the Holy Father Francis transferred by car to Bratislava International Airport for the farewell ceremony from Slovakia.

Upon arrival, the Pope was welcomed by the President of the Republic, Mrs. Zuzana Čaputová at the entrance to the VIP Lounge, where a brief private meeting took place. Then, after the Guard of Honour and the greeting of the delegations, Pope Francis boarded an Alitalia A320 for the return flight to Italy.

The aircraft carrying the Holy Father, returning from his apostolic journey to Budapest and Slovakia, departed from Bratislava Airport at 13.48, and landed at Rome-Ciampino Airport at 15.17.

Telegram to the President of the Slovak Republic

Immediately after his departure by air from Bratislava, the Holy Father Francis sent the following telegram to the President of the Slovak Republic, Mrs. Zuzana Čaputová:

HER EXCELLENCY ZUZANA ČAPUTOVÁ

PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC
BRATISLAVA

AS I DEPART SLOVAKIA AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEP GRATITUDE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE SLOVAK PEOPLE FOR YOUR GENEROUS WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY. IN RENEWING THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS FOR THE NATION'S PEACE AND WELL-BEING, I INVOKE UPON ALL OF YOU GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Telegrams to Heads of State

During the air journey from Bratislava to Rome, flying over Hungary, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and finally returning to Italy, Pope Francis sent the following telegrams to the respective Heads of State:

Overflight Hungary

HIS EXCELLENCY JÁNOS ÁDER
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY
BUDAPEST

RETURNING TO ROME AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO BUDAPEST AND SLOVAKIA, I RENEW MY GREETINGS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE PEOPLE OF HUNGARY. COMMENDING YOU ONCE MORE TO THE PROVIDENTIAL CARE OF GOD OUR FATHER, I INVOKE UPON THE NATION HIS ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Overflight Croazia

HIS EXCELLENCY ZORAN MILANOVIĆ
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
ZAGREB

UPON ENTERING CROATIA'S AIRSPACE AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO BUDAPEST AND SLOVAKIA, I RENEW MY GREETINGS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, AND WILLINGLY INVOKE UPON THE NATION THE ABUNDANT BLESSINGS OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Overflight Bosnia-Erzegovina

HIS EXCELLENCY ŽELJKO KOMŠIĆ
CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENCY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
SARAJEVO

AS MY FLIGHT CARRIES ME OVER BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO BUDAPEST AND SLOVAKIA, I OFFER MY BEST WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, AND I INVOKE UPON THE NATION ABUNDANT DIVINE BLESSINGS.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Arrival – Italy

HIS EXCELLENCY HON. SERGIO MATTARELLA
PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
PALAZZO DEL QUIRINALE

AS I RETURN FROM MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO BUDAPEST AND SLOVAKIA, WHERE I HAD THE JOY OF MEETING THE LOCAL POPULATIONS, RICH IN SPIRITUAL FERVOUR, I EXTEND TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MY CORDIAL GREETING AND I ASSURE A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE GOOD AND THE PROSPERITY OF THE ITALIAN NATION, ON WHOM I INVOKE HEAVENLY BLESSINGS.

FRANCISCUS PP.
