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Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis in Hungary (28 to 30 April 2023) – Departure from Rome, Telegram to the President of the Italian Republic and Telegram to the President of the Republic of Croatia

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This morning, Pope Francis began his 41st International Apostolic Journey, this time to Hungary.

Before leaving Santa Marta, the Holy Father received greetings from fifteen homeless people who live around Saint Peter's, accompanied by the Prefect for Charity, His Eminence Cardinal Konrad Krajewski.

He then transferred by car to Rome-Fiumicino International Airport from where, at 8.21, he departed on board an A320 neo/ITA Airways aircraft bound for Budapest.

The aircraft carrying the Holy Father landed at *Ferenc Liszt* International Airport in Budapest at 9.53.

Telegram to the President of the Italian Republic

As he left Italy, the Holy Father Francis sent the following telegram to the President of the Italian Republic, the Honorable Sergio Mattarella:

HIS EXCELLENCY

HON. SERGIO MATTARELLA

PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

QUIRINAL PALACE, 00187 ROME

AS I PREPARE TO LEAVE ITALIAN SOIL TO EMBARK ON AN APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO HUNGARY, MOVED BY THE DESIRE TO MEET BRETHERN IN THE FAITH AND TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN PEOPLES, I ADDRESS AN CORDIAL GREETING TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND ALL ITALIANS, WHICH I ACCOMPANY WITH FERVENT PRAYERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE NATION.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Telegram to the President of the Republic of Croatia

During the flight to Budapest, as the aircraft passed through Croatian airspace, the Holy Father Francis sent the following telegram to the President, His Excellency Mr. Zoran Milanović:

HIS EXCELLENCY ZORAN MILANOVIĆ
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
ZAGREB

AS I TRAVEL THROUGH CROATIAN AIRSPACE EN ROUTE TO HUNGARY, I SEND GREETINGS OF GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, TOGETHER WITH THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS THAT ALMIGHTY GOD WILL BESTOW UPON THE NATION HIS GIFTS OF FRATERNITY, JOY AND PEACE.

FRANCISCUS PP.
