



(ZENIT, Vatican City, June 27 2016).- Below are the texts of the telegrams Pope Francis sent to the Heads of State of the countries his plane flew over yesterday while flying from Armenia to Rome after his 14th Apostolic Visit abroad, June 24-26:

TURKEY:

HIS EXCELLENCY RECEP TAYYIP ERDOĞAN
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
ANKARA

AS MY RETURN FLIGHT CARRIES ME OVER TURKEY, I RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS MY GOOD WISHES, AND I INVOKE THE ALMIGHTY'S BLESSING UPON YOUR LAND.

FRANCISCUS PP.

BULGARIA:

HIS EXCELLENCY ROSEN PLEVNELIEV
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
SOFIA

FLYING OVER BULGARIA ON RETURNING FROM MY VISIT TO ARMENIA, I RENEW MY BEST WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, WITH THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS FOR THE NATION.

FRANCISCUS PP.

SERBIA:

HIS EXCELLENCY TOMISLAV NIKOLIĆ
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
BELGRADE

FLYING OVER SERBIA ON THE RETURN JOURNEY FROM MY PASTORAL VISIT TO ARMENIA, I WISH TO RENEW MY BEST WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, AND UPON ALL IN THE NATION I INVOKE THE BLESSING OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

FRANCISCUS PP.

MONTENEGRO:

HIS EXCELLENCY FILIP VUJANOVIĆ
PRESIDENT OF MONTENEGRO
PODGORICA

AS I FLY OVER MONTENEGRO ON RETURNING FROM ARMENIA, I EXTEND ONCE AGAIN MY GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS AND THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS.

FRANCISCUS PP.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

HIS EXCELLENCY BAKIR IZETBEGOVIĆ
PRESIDENT OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
SARAJEVO

AS MY RETURN FLIGHT TO ROME CARRIES ME OVER BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, I RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS

MY GOOD WISHES AND THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS.

FRANCISCUS PP.

CROATIA:

HER EXCELLENCY KOLINDA GRABAR-KITAROVIĆ
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
ZAGREB

FLYING OVER CROATIA ON THE RETURN FROM MY JOURNEY TO ARMENIA, I
RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS MY BEST WISHES
AND THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS FOR THE CROATIAN PEOPLE.

FRANCISCUS PP.

A SUA ECCELLENZA
ON. SERGIO MATTARELLA
PRESIDENTE DELLA REPUBBLICA ITALIANA
PALAZZO DEL QUIRINALE - 00187 ROMA

AL RIENTRO DAL MIO VIAGGIO PASTORALE IN ARMENIA, DOVE HO POTUTO
INCONTRARE VARI ESPONENTI DELLA POPOLAZIONE ED ESPRIMERE LA MIA
AFFETTUOSA STIMA ALLE COMUNITÀ CRISTIANE CARICHE DI STORIA,
ESORTANDO TUTTI A PROSEGUIRE SULLA STRADA DEL DIALOGO E DELLA
CONCORDIA, RIVOLGO A LEI SIGNOR PRESIDENTE ED ALLA CARA NAZIONE
ITALIANA IL MIO BENAUGURANTE SALUTO, UNITO ALL'AUSPICIO DI UN
IMPEGNO CRESCENTE IN FAVORE DELLE NECESSITÀ DELLA GENTE, IN
PARTICOLARE DELLA FAMIGLIA, FONDAMENTO DELLA CONVIVENZA E
RIMEDIO CONTRO LO SFALDAMENTO SOCIALE.

FRANCISCUS PP.

[Telegram texts provided by the Vatican]