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**Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis in Hungary (28 to 30 April 2023) – Farewell ceremony from Hungary, telegram to the President of the Republic of Hungary, and telegrams to Heads of State**

**Farewell ceremony from Hungary at *Ferenc Liszt* International Airport of Budapest**

**Telegram to the President of the Republic of Hungary**

**Telegrams to Heads of State during the flight from Budapest to Rome**

**Farewell ceremony from Hungary at *Ferenc Liszt* International Airport of Budapest**

At the end of the meeting with the academic and cultural world at *Péter Pázmány* Catholic University, the Holy Father Francis transferred to *Ferenc Liszt* International Airport of Budapest for the farewell ceremony from Hungary.

Upon arrival, the Pope was received by the President of the Republic, Her Excellency Ms. Katalin Novák, at the foot of the aircraft steps. Then, after the greeting of the respective delegations and the local entourage, Pope Francis boarded an A320 neo/ITA Airways aircraft for his return journey to Italy.

The aircraft carrying the Holy Father on the return trip of his Apostolic Journey in Hungary departed from *Ferenc Liszt* Budapest International Airport at 18.08, and landed at *Leonardo da Vinci* Rome-Fiumicino Airport at 19.25.

**Telegram to the President of the Republic of Hungary**

Immediately after departing by air from Budapest, the Holy Father Francis sent the following telegram to the President of the Republic, Her Excellency Ms. Katalin Novák:

HER EXCELLENCY KATALIN NOVÁK  
 PRESIDENT OF HUNGARY  
 BUDAPEST

AS I LEAVE HUNGARY AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY, I ONCE AGAIN EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND ALL YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME AND KIND HOSPITALITY. WITH RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY PRAYERS, I INVOKE UPON THE NATION ALMIGHTY GOD'S BLESSINGS OF UNITY, FRATERNITY AND PEACE.

FRANCISCUS PP.

**Telegrams to Heads of State during the flight from Budapest to Rome**

During the flight from Budapest to Rome, when flying through Croatian airspace and returning to Italy, Pope Francis sent the following telegrams to the respective Heads of State:

***Overflight Croatia***

HIS EXCELLENCY ZORAN MILANOVIĆ  
 PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA  
 ZAGREB

FLYING OVER YOUR COUNTRY FOLLOWING MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO HUNGARY, I WILLINGLY RENEW MY MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE PEOPLE OF CROATIA, AND ASSURE YOU OF MY PRAYERS FOR THE WELLBEING OF THE NATION.

FRANCISCUS PP.

***Italy – arrival***

HIS EXCELLENCY

HON. SERGIO MATTARELLA

PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

AS I RETURN FROM MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY IN HUNGARY, WHERE I MET PEOPLE EAGER TO CONSTRUCT CIVIL COEXISTENCE AND PEACE AMONG PEOPLES BASED ON GOSPEL VALUES, I CORDIALLY EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE DEAR ITALIAN NATION, FERVENT WISHES FOR SERENITY AND PROSPERITY, ASSURING YOU OF MY CONSTANT PRAYER.

FRANCISCUS PP.

