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Holy See Press Office Communique: Audience with the President of the Republic of Cameroon

The Holy Father Francis today received in Audience, in the Vatican Apostolic Palace, the president of the Republic of Cameroon, His Excellency Mr. Paul Biya, who subsequently met with His Eminence Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, accompanied by His Excellency Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, secretary for Relations with States.

During the cordial discussions, the existing good relations between the Holy See and Cameroon were evoked, as was the important contribution the Church offers to the development of the country, especially in the fields of education and healthcare. Taking into consideration the peaceful co-existence and mutual respect between the various religious groups, attention was focused on the importance of promoting national cohesion, enhancing the richness of the various historic and cultural traditions of the country, with respect for human and minority rights.

Finally, there was an exchange of views on some themes of international interest, with particular reference to the current challenges affecting the region.

From Vatican City, 23 March 2017