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Holy See Press Office Communiqué: Audience with Prime Minister of Montenegro

This morning, the Holy Father Francis received in audience, in the Vatican Apostolic Palace, His Excellency Mr. Dritan Abazović, Prime Minister, 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 and International Organizations.

During the cordial discussions in the Secretariat of State, appreciation was expressed for the good existing bilateral relations and the intention to develop further collaboration in sectors of mutual interest. Furthermore, the positive contribution of the Catholic community to Montenegrin society was highlighted.

Attention then turned to the domestic situation of the country, emphasizing the need for inclusive dialogue between all political actors for the common good of Montenegro. Finally, some regional issues were considered, including the situation of the Western Balkan States and their accession to the European Union.

From the Vatican, 10 October 2022