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A fine mattinata il Papa ha ricevuto in Udienza il Ministro degli Esteri della Repubblica Islamica dell'Iran, S.E. il Signor Kamal Kharrazi, e gli ha rivolto le seguenti parole di saluto:

• SALUTO DEL SANTO PADRE

Your Excellency,

I am pleased to welcome you today to the Vatican. Your presence here is a sign of the cooperation that, for more than fifty years now, has marked the official relations between the Holy See and your country. I am confident that this spirit of collaboration will continue to grow ever stronger as we address issues of mutual concern to us.

Not least in this regard is the ongoing commitment to safeguard the inalienable rights and dignity of the human person, especially in efforts aimed at promoting greater understanding among peoples of different religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

Mr Minister, I assure you of my good wishes for your stay in Rome and I invoke upon you the blessings of Almighty God.

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