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## Telegrams to Heads of State

During the flight commencing this morning from Rome to Colombia, passing over France, Spain, Portugal (Azores), the United States (Ocean and Puerto Rico), and, changing route due to Hurricane Irma over the Caribbean, Barbados, Grenada, and finally Venezuela before reaching Bogotá, the Holy Father Francis sent the respective Heads of States the following telegrams:

### Overflight France

HIS EXCELLENCY EMMANUEL MACRON  
PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC  
PARIS

AS MY APOSTOLIC VOYAGE TO COLOMBIA TAKES ME OVER FRANCE, I SEND WARM GREETINGS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, WITH THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS THAT ALL IN THE NATION MAY BE ABUNDANTLY BLESSED BY ALMIGHTY GOD.

FRANCISCUS PP.

### Overflight Spain

HIS MAJESTY KING FELIPE VI  
KING OF SPAIN  
MADRID

I EXTEND WARM GREETINGS TO YOUR MAJESTY, THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, AND ALL

THE SPANISH PEOPLE AS MY JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA TAKES ME OVER SPAIN. ENTRUSTING THE NATION TO THE PROVIDENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD, I WILLINGLY INVOKE UPON ALL OF YOU GOD'S BLESSINGS OF CONCORD AND PEACE.

FRANCISCUS PP.

**Overflight Portugal (Azores)**

HIS EXCELLENCY MARCELO REBELO DE SOUSA  
PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC  
LISBON

AS MY JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA TAKES ME THROUGH PORTUGUESE AIRSPACE, I SEND WARM GREETINGS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS. ASSURING YOU OF MY PRAYERS THAT ALL MAY ENJOY PEACE AND PROSPERITY, I WILLINGLY INVOKE UPON THE NATION GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.

FRANCISCUS PP.

**Overflight United States of America (Ocean and Puerto Rico)**

THE HONORABLE DONALD TRUMP  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WASHINGTON

AS I TRAVEL THROUGH UNITED STATES AIRSPACE ON MY APOSTOLIC VISIT TO COLOMBIA, I EXTEND WARM GREETINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, INVOKING UPON ALL OF YOU ALMIGHTY GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.

FRANCISCUS PP.

**Overflight Barbados**

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR PHILIP GREAVES  
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF BARBADOS  
BRIDGETOWN

AS MY JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA TAKES ME OVER BARBADOS, I OFFER TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE PEOPLE OF THE NATION THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS, AND I WILLINGLY INVOKE GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS UPON YOU ALL.

FRANCISCUS PP.

**Overflight Grenada**

HER EXCELLENCY DAME CÉCILE LA GRENADE  
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF GRENADA  
SAINT GEORGE'S

I EXTEND CORDIAL GREETINGS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE PEOPLE OF GRENADA AS I FLY THROUGH THE NATION'S AIRSPACE ON MY WAY TO COLOMBIA. INVOKING ALMIGHTY GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON YOU, I ASSURE YOU OF MY PRAYERS AND GOOD WISHES.

FRANCISCUS PP.

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**Overflight Venezuela**

HIS EXCELLENCY NICOLÁS MADURO  
PRESIDENT OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA  
CARACAS

AS MY APOSTOLIC VISIT TO COLOMBIA TAKES ME OVER VENEZUELA, I SEND CORDIAL GREETINGS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA. PRAYING THAT ALL IN THE NATION MAY PROMOTE PATHS OF SOLIDARITY, JUSTICE AND CONCORD, I WILLINGLY INVOKE UPON ALL OF YOU GOD'S BLESSINGS OF PEACE.

FRANCISCUS PP.

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