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## Press Release from the Secretariat of State: Bilateral Meeting between the Holy See – People's Republic of China

Today, 14 February 2020, at the margin of the Munich Security Conference 2020, a meeting took place between His Excellency Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, secretary for Relations with States of the Holy See, and His Excellency Mr. Wang Yi, State Councillor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

During the discussion, which took place in a cordial atmosphere, the contacts between the two Parties, which have developed positively over time, were evoked. In particular, the importance of the *Provisional Agreement on the appointment of Bishops*, signed on 22 September 2018, was highlighted, also reiterating the wish to continue bilateral institutional dialogue to promote the life of the Catholic Church and the good of the Chinese people. Appreciation was expressed for the efforts that are being made to control the coronavirus epidemic, along with solidarity with the afflicted population.

Finally, the hope was expressed for greater international cooperation in order to promote civil co-existence and peace in the world, and considerations were exchanged on intercultural dialogue and human rights.