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## **Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in Kazakhstan – Departure from Rome, Telegram to the President of the Italian Republic, and Telegrams to Heads of State**

### **Departure from Rome**

### **Telegram to the President of the Italian Republic**

### **Telegram to Heads of State during the flight from Rome to Nur-Sultan**

### **Departure from Rome**

This morning Pope Francis began his 38th International Apostolic Journey, to Kazakhstan on the occasion of the Seventh Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions.

After leaving Casa Santa Marta, the Holy Father transferred by car to Roma-Fiumicino International Airport, from where, at 7.36, he departed on board on A330/ITA Airways aircraft bound for Nur-Sultan.

The aircraft carrying the Holy Father landed at Nur-Sultan Airport at 17.20 (approximately 13.20 in Rome).

### **Telegram to the President of the Italian Republic**

At the moment of leaving Italian territory, the Holy Father Francis sent the following telegram to the President of the Italian Republic, the Honorable Sergio Mattarella:

HIS EXCELLENCY

HON. SERGIO MATTARELLA

PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

PALAZZO DEL QUIRINALE

AS I AM ABOUT TO LEAVE ITALIAN TERRITORY TO MAKE AN APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO KAZAKHSTAN, TO TAKE PART IN THE CONGRESS OF LEADERS OF WORLD AND TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS, I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO ALL ITALIANS, MY CORDIAL GREETING, WHICH I ACCOMPANY WITH WISHES FOR SERENITY AND CONCORD, TOGETHER WITH PRAYER TO GOD FOR THE GOOD AND THE PROGRESS OF THE ENTIRE NATION.

FRANCISCUS PP.

**Telegram to Heads of State during the flight from Rome to Nur-Sultan**

During the flight to Nur-Sultan, as the aircraft passed over Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Turukey, Georgia and finally Azerbaijan, the Holy Father Francis sent the following telegrams to the respective Heads of State:

***Overflight Croatia***

HIS EXCELLENCY ZORAN MILANOVIĆ  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA  
ZAGREB

PASSING THROUGH CROATIAN AIRSPACE ON MY WAY TO KAZAKHSTAN, I SEND GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS. INVOKING THE BLESSINGS OF ALMIGHTY GOD UPON THE NATION, I PRAY THAT HE MAY GRANT ALL OF YOU THE GIFTS OF UNITY AND PEACE.

FRANCISCUS PP.

***Overflight Bosnia and Herzegovina***

HIS EXCELLENCY ŠEFIK DŽAFEROVIĆ  
CHAIR OF THE PRESIDENCY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  
SARAJEVO

FLYING OVER BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA EN ROUTE TO KAZAKHSTAN, I SEND GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, TOGETHER WITH THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS FOR ALL IN THE NATION.

FRANCISCUS PP.

***Overflight Serbia***

HIS EXCELLENCY ALEKSANDAR VUČIĆ  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA  
BELGRADE

AS I FLY OVER SERBIA ON MY JOURNEY TO KAZAKHSTAN, I SEND GREETINGS OF GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, TOGETHER WITH MY PRAYERS THAT THE ALMIGHTY WILL BESTOW UPON ALL OF YOU HIS ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.

FRANCISCUS PP.

***Overflight Montenegro***

HIS EXCELLENCY MILO ĐUKANOVIĆ  
PRESIDENT OF MONTENEGRO  
PODGORICA

AS I FLY OVER MONTENEGRO ON MY JOURNEY TO KAZAKHSTAN, I SEND GREETINGS OF GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, TOGETHER WITH MY PRAYERS THAT THE ALMIGHTY WILL BESTOW UPON ALL OF YOU HIS ABUNDANT BLESSINGS.

FRANCISCUS PP.

***Overflight Bulgaria***

HIS EXCELLENCY RUMEN RADEV  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA  
SOFIA

I SEND GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS AS I FLY OVER BULGARIA ON MY JOURNEY TO KAZAKHSTAN, TOGETHER WITH PRAYERS THAT ALMIGHTY GOD WILL BLESS ALL IN THE NATION WITH HIS GIFTS OF JOY AND PEACE.

FRANCISCUS PP.

***Overflight Turkey***

HIS EXCELLENCY RECEP TAYYIP ERDOĞAN  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE  
ANKARA

FLYING OVER TÜRKIYE ON MY WAY TO KAZAKHSTAN, I SEND GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, TOGETHER WITH THE ASSURANCE OF MY PRAYERS FOR THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF ALL IN THE NATION.

FRANCISCUS PP.

***Overflight Georgia***

HER EXCELLENCY SALOMÉ ZOURABICHVILI

PRESIDENT OF GEORGIA  
TBILISI

I SEND GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS AS I FLY OVER GEORGIA ON MY JOURNEY TO KAZAKHSTAN, TOGETHER WITH PRAYERS THAT ALMIGHTY GOD WILL BLESS ALL IN THE NATION WITH HIS GIFTS OF FRATERNITY, SERENITY AND PEACE.

FRANCISCUS PP.

*Overflight Azerbaijan*

HIS EXCELLENCY ILHAM ALIYEV  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN  
BAKU

I SEND GREETINGS OF GOOD WISHES TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS AS I FLY OVER AZERBAIJAN ON MY WAY TO KAZAKHSTAN, AND I INVOKE UPON ALL OF YOU THE DIVINE BLESSINGS OF FRATERNITY AND PEACE.

FRANCISCUS PP.

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