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Holy See Press Office Communiqué: Audience with the President of the Swiss Confederation

This morning, 4 May, the Holy Father Francis received in audience, in the Vatican Apostolic Palace, the President of the Swiss Confederation, Ms. Viola Amherd, 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.

During the cordial discussions, which took place at the Secretariat of State, satisfaction was expressed for the good relations and collaboration between the Holy See and the Swiss Confederation, also with regard to the project for the renovation of the barracks of the Swiss Pontifical Guard, whose generous service to the Pope and the Holy See was highlighted.

Attention then turned to some issues of an international nature, with particular reference to the conflicts in Ukraine and in Israel and Palestine, and the necessary commitment to promoting peace, in the search for a diplomatic solution leading to an end to hostilities as soon as possible.

From the Vatican, 4 May 2024