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Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Francis in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Singapore (2 to 13 September 2024) – Farewell ceremony at Jakarta International Airport, Indonesia, Telegram to the President of the Republic of Indonesia, and Welcome Ceremony at Port Moresby Airport

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This morning, after celebrating Holy Mass in private, the Holy Father Francis bade farewell to the staff and benefactors of the Apostolic Nunciature in Jakarta and transferred by car to *Soekarno-Hatta* International Airport where the farewell ceremony from Indonesia was held.

Upon arrival at the airport, the Pope was welcomed by the Minister for Religious Affairs. After the greeting of the respective delegations and the local entourage, the Holy Father boarded an *A330 / Garuda Indonesia* aircraft and departed at 10.37 local time (05.37 in Rome), bound for Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea.

The aircraft carrying the Holy Father is expected to land at *Jacksons International Airport* in Port Moresby after a flight of approximately six hours' duration.

Telegram to the President of the Republic of Indonesia

Immediately after departure from Jakarta, the Holy Father Francis sent the following telegram to the President of the Republic of Indonesia, His Excellency Mr. Joko Widodo:

HIS EXCELLENCY JOKO WIDODO

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

JAKARTA

AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY VISIT TO INDONESIA, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ALL INDONESIANS FOR THE ASSISTANCE AND THE MANY KIND GESTURES OF FRATERNITY EXTENDED TO ME DURING THESE PAST DAYS. IN CONTINUING MY APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA, TIMOR-LESTE AND SINGAPORE, I WILL BE PASSING THROUGH INDONESIAN AIRSPACE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. EACH TIME, I WILL FONDLY REMEMBER YOUR COUNTRY, UPON WHICH I WILLINGLY INVOKE ABUNDANT DIVINE BLESSINGS.

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Welcome ceremony at Port Moresby Airport

This afternoon, at 19.09 (11.09 in Rome), upon arrival at Port Moresby International Airport in Papua New Guinea, the Holy Father Francis was received by the deputy Prime Minister and two children in traditional dress, who gave him a gift of flowers.

After the Guard of Honour, the execution of the anthems and the Honour of the Flags, the presentation of the respective delegations took place.

At the end, the Pope took leave of the deputy Prime Minister and transferred by car to the Apostolic Nunciature.
