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## Holy See Press Office Communiqué: Audience with the President of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan

Today, 4 October 2024, the Holy Father Francis received in audience, in the study of the Paul VI Hall, the President of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, His Excellency Mr. Sadyr Zhaparov, who subsequently met with His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of His Holiness, accompanied by His Excellency Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with States and International Organizations.

During the cordial discussions, which took place at the Secretariat of State, the good relations between the Holy See and Kyrgyzstan were evoked, and the parties focused on mutual collaboration in the fields of healthcare, educational and culture, and some aspects of the life of the local Church.

The conversation continued with an exchange of opinions on current international affairs, with special attention to the ongoing conflicts and humanitarian issues, revealing the importance of urgent commitment to the promotion of peace.

From the Vatican, 4 October 2024