

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ACCREDITED TO THE
HOLY SEE
FOR THE TRADITIONAL EXCHANGE OF NEW YEAR GREETINGS**

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“Remaining within the European context, I would like to reaffirm the importance of supporting dialogue and respect for international law as a means of resolving the “frozen conflicts” that persist on the continent, some of which have lasted for decades and demand a solution, beginning with the situations involving the western Balkans and the southern Caucasus, including Georgia...”

(Pope Francis’ address to the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See for the traditional exchange of New Year Greetings, Sala Regia, Apostolic Palace, Vatican City State, Thursday, 9 January 2020)