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

The Holy Father Francis today received in audience the President of the Republic of Togo, His Excellency Mr. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, who subsequently met with His Eminence Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, accompanied by His Excellency Msgr. Paul Richard Gallagher, secretary for Relations with States.

During the cordial discussions, the good existing relations between the Holy See and Togo were evoked, as well as the prospects of their further consolidation. In this context, the parties focused on the current situation of the country, underlining the contribution of the Catholic Church to the integral development of the Togolese population, especially through her commitment in the fields of education and healthcare.

Finally, some challenges specific to the countries of West and Sub-Saharan Africa were discussed, showing the need for joint efforts at regional and international level in favour of security, stability and peace.