

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO H.E. Mr SERGIO
MATTARELLA PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY**

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[...] Lastly I should like to express my gratitude for Italy's generous commitment to welcoming the numerous immigrants who, risking their lives, ask to be received. It is obvious that the proportions of the phenomenon require much broader involvement. We must not tire of requesting a more extensive commitment at the European and international levels. [...]