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Eminences, Excellencies, Authorities and Honourable Guests,

Good evening

Allow me to extend my greetings in particular

to His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State to His Holiness;

to the Her Excellency Maria Teresa Lazaro, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines;

to His Excellency Raphael Perpetuo Mercado Lotilla, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the Holy See;

and to all the guests present today for the unveiling of the commemorative stamp marking the 75th (seventy fifth) anniversary of the diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the Republic of the Philippines, a testament of a long-standing and solid tie of friendship and mutual cooperation.

This stamp, created by the Philatelic and Numismatic Office of the Vatican State, celebrates the constant harmony, mutual enrichment, and shared purpose depicting this long friendship. It expresses, in a single image, our common Christian identity and the bonds of fraternity that unite us.

Representing the Governorate of the Vatican City State, we are honored to have contributed to the conception and creation of this commemorative stamp, which marks an important milestone in our relations with the Republic of the Philippines.

Also on behalf of the Director of the Telecommunication and IT Systems, Mr Antonino Intersimone, thank you for your presence and for listening, I wish you a pleasant rest of the evening.