



SECRETARIAT OF STATE

TO PARTICIPANTS OF THE *ROME INVESTMENT FORUM 2015*

I AM PLEASED TO GREET ALL OF YOU GATHERED FOR THE *ROME INVESTMENT FORUM 2015*, AS YOU REFLECT ON “FINANCING LONG-TERM EUROPE”. I REGRET THAT MY SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT ME TO JOIN YOU FOR THIS IMPORTANT CONFERENCE, YET I ASSURE YOU OF MY GOOD WISHES THAT YOUR DISCUSSIONS MAY BEAR FRUIT FOR THE WHOLE OF SOCIETY. AS YOU REFLECT ON INVESTMENT AND ITS IMPACT ON ONGOING REFORMS IN EUROPE, I INVITE YOU TO KEEP THE HUMAN PERSON AT THE FOREFRONT OF YOUR DELIBERATIONS, AND TO STRIVE FOR AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM WHICH IS TRULY AT THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY. IN THIS WAY, YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL NOT ONLY PROMOTE FISCALLY SOUND POLICIES, BUT ALSO ECONOMIC STRATEGIES WHICH SERVE THE NEEDS OF ALL PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE ON THE PERIPHERIES OF SOCIETY (CF. *EVANGELII GAUDIUM*, 53-58). ASSURING YOU OF MY PRAYERS FOR YOUR WORK, I HAVE THE HONOUR AND PLEASURE TO CONVEY THE GREETINGS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, WHO INVOKES UPON ALL OF YOU THE DIVINE BLESSINGS OF WISDOM AND STRENGTH.

FROM THE VATICAN, 11 DECEMBER 2015

