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A Message from the Prime Minister of the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) to the President and the People of the United States of America on the 250th Anniversary of American Independence

To the President of the United States of America,
and to the Great American People,

On behalf of the Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam and the Tamil people across the world, I extend our warmest congratulations on the historic occasion of the **250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence**—a document that not only gave birth to a nation but transformed the moral and political imagination of humanity.

On the Fourth of July in 1776, thirteen colonies dared to proclaim an idea more powerful than any empire. They declared that governments derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed," and that "whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it." Those words did not merely announce the birth of the United States. They announced the birth of a new political age.

The American Declaration of Independence shattered the illusion that kings ruled by divine right and that empires were eternal. It proclaimed instead that liberty belongs to ordinary men and women, that legitimacy springs from the will of the people, and that every nation has the right to determine its own destiny.

Its immortal assertion that "**all men are created equal**" and are "**endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights**," among them "**Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness**," remains one of the greatest affirmations of human dignity ever written. Although the journey toward realizing these ideals has been long and unfinished—even within America itself—the Declaration established a moral compass that has inspired oppressed peoples across continents and generations.

The ideals born in Philadelphia echoed through the French Revolution, inspired anti-colonial movements across Asia, Africa and Latin America, strengthened struggles against slavery and racial discrimination, and ultimately helped shape the right to self-determination and the Human Rights embodied in the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** adopted in 1948. The belief that every human being possesses equal dignity irrespective of religion, race, ethnicity, language or creed has become one of civilization's greatest achievements.

Today, as the world confronts genocide, war, authoritarianism, intolerance, ethnic cleansing, widening inequality and an alarming erosion of democratic values, the message of 1776 is more relevant than ever. Humanity does not merely celebrate the American Revolution as history; it needs to rediscover its spirit.

The world once again needs leaders and citizens who believe that governments exist to serve their people, not dominate them; that freedom is stronger than fear; that justice is more enduring than force; and that democracy, despite its imperfections, remains humanity's greatest safeguard against tyranny.

The People of Tamil Eelam understand the profound significance of these ideals because our own struggle is rooted in the same universal principles that inspired America's founding.

Two hundred and fifty years ago, American patriots challenged British colonial rule under the rallying cry of "**No taxation without representation.**" They rejected governance without consent and asserted their inalienable right to self-government.

Today, the Tamil People continue their own peaceful struggle for the realization of their inherent right to self-determination. Our aspiration is neither conquest nor privilege, but the same democratic principle that animated America's founders: that every people has the right to determine its own political future and to live with dignity, equality and security under institutions that derive their authority from the freely expressed will of the governed.

We therefore celebrate this remarkable anniversary not simply as friends of the United States, but as fellow believers in the enduring promise of freedom.

May this historic milestone renew America's commitment to the ideals that first made it a beacon of hope for humanity. May the wisdom, courage and moral imagination of your Founding Fathers continue to inspire future generations. And may the principles enshrined in the Declaration of Independence illuminate a path toward a world where liberty triumphs over oppression, justice over prejudice, dialogue over violence, and democracy over tyranny.

As we honour America's first two hundred and fifty years, we also reaffirm our faith that the timeless ideals proclaimed in Philadelphia belong not to one nation alone, but to all humanity.

Congratulations to the United States of America on this extraordinary anniversary.

May the next chapter of your history continue to advance the cause of freedom, democracy and human dignity throughout the world.

With profound respect and warmest wishes,



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