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A PLAN FOR PEACE IN EELAM

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As one who is no doubt concerned about the political plight of the Tamils of Sri Lanka and of their immense suffering, particularly in the Northeastern Province of the Island, it is only natural that you would wish for the return of peace to that country, now at war for over a decade, as soon as it is practicable to achieve it with justice and dignity.

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