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To,
Shri Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister,
Government of India

Subject: On India's Sovereign Foreign Policy and Recent Remarks by the U.S. Treasury Secretary - Reg.

Respected Narendra Modi ji,

At a time when the war launched against Iran by the United States–Israel nexus threatens to engulf West Asia in a wider and dangerous conflict, many across our country are deeply concerned that India's foreign policy posture appears to have drifted away from its foundational principles of non-alignment, strategic autonomy and respect for sovereignty. In recent years, India has increasingly been perceived as aligning itself with the interests of the United States and Israel rather than firmly pursuing its independent strategic priorities. This perception has been reinforced on several occasions, including during the negotiations surrounding the India-US trade arrangements which left large sections of our farmers vulnerable to imports from the United States, and by repeated claims by U.S. President Donald Trump that he pressured India to reduce purchases of Russian oil, even though a diversified and affordable energy basket clearly serves India's national interest.

In this context, the remarks made today by U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent are nothing short of humiliating for a sovereign nation of India's stature. He wrote on social media platform X: ***"the Treasury Department is issuing a temporary 30 day waiver to allow Indian refiners to purchase Russian oil."*** Such a statement raises a fundamental question before the nation: since when has the United States begun "allowing" India to decide from whom we buy energy or with whom we conduct trade? When Iran, one of India's important historical partners and a key source of energy, is under attack and regional stability is under grave threat, this patronising declaration appears to suggest that India's energy choices are now subject to American approval.

This situation is deeply disturbing for our people and represents a grave embarrassment for India's foreign and trade policy. **India is a proud and independent republic of 140 crore citizens, not a subordinate state expected to adjust its sovereign decisions according to the preferences of Washington.** I therefore urge you to raise this matter firmly in the appropriate diplomatic forums and make it unequivocally clear that India's energy security and foreign policy choices will be determined solely by India's national interest. At the same time, the people of our country deserve a clear explanation from you as to why such demeaning public assertions about India are being made without any response. The nation expects its leadership to speak with clarity, defend our sovereignty and ensure that India's dignity is not subjected to such public humiliation.

Your's sincerely,

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