



STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PARRIS N. GLENDENING
GOVERNOR

May 26-28, 2000

Dear Friends:

On behalf of all Marylanders, I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings as you gather for the International Conference on the *Future of Tamils in the Next Millennium*.

Our great State is composed of many people who maintain and honor both the heritage of their ancestors and that of their adopted land. As we stand at the threshold of a new century, the State of Maryland recognizes the fundamental principle that diversity not only builds stronger societies, it widens the path to ensuring individual liberty, equality of opportunity, respect for community and universal peace.

May this conference be most enjoyable and successful for every participant, and may this new millennium bring you great happiness, good health, peace and prosperity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Parris N. Glendening" with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

Parris N. Glendening
Governor