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Secretary of State

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On behalf of the Government of the United States, I extend my warm congratulations to the people of Chile on the 208th anniversary of your independence.

The United States and Chile share a long-standing friendship, rooted in our common values and the deep ties between our peoples. Thirty years ago, Chile's historic plebiscite paved the way for a peaceful and successful democratic transition. Today, Chile is a leader in the region, exemplifying the benefits of strong democratic institutions and open markets. We value the work we have accomplished together to support regional peace and security. Our vibrant economic ties and our joint initiatives in science, education, technology, and innovation benefit both our countries.

I wish you a happy Independence Day celebration and a peaceful and prosperous year ahead.

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