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Obhrai calls for a peaceful UN transition in Darfur

(OTTAWA) Deepak Obhrai, M.P. and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs today made the following statement in the House of Commons:

“Canada is committed to helping achieve a lasting peace for the people of Darfur. Canada strongly supports UN Security Council Resolution 1706 that authorizes a UN force in Darfur and makes reference to the Responsibility to Protect.

Canada is working to have this position adopted as a new norm of international law and remains deeply concerned by the ongoing violence in Darfur, in particular, of attacks on civilians and internally displaced persons camps. Canada is working with governments in the region, Security Council members and other international partners to urge the Government of Sudan to act responsibly and accept a UN transition.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Peter MacKay will be raising Darfur at the United Nations this week during bilateral consultations. Since 2004, Canada has spent a total of \$ 320 million in support of AMIS and on humanitarian and diplomatic support to the region.”

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