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## **Obhrai calls on Sudanese government to demonstrate full commitment for Darfur peace**

**(OTTAWA)** Deepak Obhrai, M.P. and Parliamentary Secretary for 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 welcomes Sudan’s recent acceptance of the full Heavy Support Package (HSP) of UN assistance to the African Union Mission.

Given Sudan’s record of stalling international efforts to achieve peace in Darfur, Canada is calling on Sudanese government to demonstrate that it is a full partner in this process. We must now focus on ensuring that the next step - a hybrid AU-UN mission - is in place as soon as possible.

Canada is part of a concerted international effort to bring about a just and lasting peace throughout all of Sudan. Since 2004 Canada has spent over \$368 million working to improve the human rights and humanitarian situation in Sudan. This includes support for urgently needed humanitarian aid, diplomatic efforts to achieve peace and, of course, our support as a principal donor to the African Union’s peacekeeping mission in Darfur.”

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