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## **Deepak Obhrai meets with India's new High Commissioner to Canada; requests India's support for international efforts to end Darfur crisis**

(OTTAWA) Deepak Obhrai, M.P. and Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, speaking at a Parliamentary reception to welcome India's new High Commissioner to Canada Rajamani Lakshmi Narayan, emphasized the role India can play in joining international calls for the Sudanese government to immediately improve the security and humanitarian situation within Darfur.

"India has strong economic ties with Sudan. I urge India to assist the international community in every way to bring a lasting peace to this troubled region. I hope that the High Commissioner can deliver this important message to New Delhi," Obhrai said.

Canada is the fourth largest contributor to the African Union Mission in Sudan and is a key partner in ongoing international efforts to help the parties involved in the conflicts in Sudan resolve their disputes peacefully. Canadian diplomatic, humanitarian, reconstruction, peacebuilding and peace support operational assistance in Sudan has been substantial, totalling more than \$393M since 2004 of which \$238M is in support of the African Union peacekeeping mission in Darfur.

Canada strongly supports the efforts of the African Union and the UN to find a comprehensive political solution to the conflict in Darfur. Canada will continue to provide critical support to the African Union Mission in Sudan until the transition to a UN-African Union hybrid force in Darfur can be accomplished.

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