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Parliamentary Secretary Obhrai calls on Tunisia, Egypt and Yemen to accelerate the pace of democratic and economic reforms to meet citizens' aspiration

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

"Our government is concerned by the recent violence and unrest in Tunisia, Egypt and Yemen. We regret the continued loss of life during these protests and reiterate the call by the Minister of Foreign Affairs for all parties to refrain from using violence and for authorities to respond to these protests peacefully.

Our government condemns any action that hampers democracy, freedom and the rule of law. These core principles are at the centre of this government's foreign policy.

Our government will continue to call upon the governments in the region the need to renew their commitment to strengthening the basis for democracy, consultation, dialogue and cooperation.

We urge the governments of Tunisia, Egypt and Yemen to accelerate the pace of democratic and economic reforms in order to meet the aspirations of their citizens."

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