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## **Parliamentary Secretary Obhrai expresses Canada's condolences on the death of Nigerian President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua**

(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:

"On behalf of the Parliament of Canada and all Canadians, I wish to express my profound sadness at the news of the death of Umaru Musa Yar'Adua (OO-mah-roo MOO-sah Yar-AH-doo-ah), President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, following a long illness.

President Yar'Adua was steadfast in promoting regional peace and security and ensuring Nigeria's leadership role within the international community, particularly with respect to unconstitutional changes of government in the sub region. In Nigeria itself, President Yar'Adua's pursuit of stability and security for the people of the Niger Delta was a critical aspect of his leadership.

A faithful friend of Nigeria, Canada has stood alongside Nigerians through the difficult period of President Yar'Adua's illness, and we offer our profound condolences to the people of Nigeria on this sad occasion."

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