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## **Canada views Africa as a partner on the international scene, Parliamentary Secretary Obhrai tells Parliament**

(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 January 28<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to attend the 16th AU summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. My trip was to reaffirm our Government’s engagement with Africa.

I had many productive meetings with my counterparts at the Summit. We discussed many issues that were of interest to both Canada and Africa, such as Sudan Referendum, the situation in Ivory Coast and issues regarding the International Criminal Court and UNSC reforms.

I had also a bilateral meeting with Ethiopian counterpart and saw first-hand the many development projects that Canada, through CIDA, was engaged in. While there, I announced Canada’s contribution of 18 million dollars to the Agricultural Growth Program in Ethiopia.

Mr. Speaker, our government views Africa as a partner on the international scene - A historical relationship that this government will continue to strengthen. “

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