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Visit of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deepak Obhrai to the United Arab Emirates and Turkey

(Ottawa) Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deepak Obhrai, visited the United Arab Emirates and Turkey from March 18-23.

Mr. Obhrai's visit follows that of UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan to Ottawa earlier this month, and reflects Canada's strong commitment to the region and improving relations with that country.

Mr. Obhrai consulted with Emirati and Turkish officials regarding bilateral relations and regional issues, particularly the increasingly grave situation in Syria, regional security throughout the Middle East, trade and commerce, and other areas of mutual interest.

While in Turkey he laid the groundwork for Canada's participation in the upcoming meeting of the Friends of the Syrian People to be held in Istanbul.

He also took the opportunity to meet with the Syrian National Council where he reiterated Canada's position to support freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law for all Syrian people.

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