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Prime Minister Appoints Deepak Obhrai to the Queen's Privy Council for Canada

Today Governor General David Johnston, on the advice of the Prime Minister Rt. Hon Stephen Harper, appointed the Hon. Deepak Obhrai to Her Majesty's Privy Council for Canada. The swearing-in ceremony was held at Rideau Hall where he was joined by Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, Hon. John Baird, and family.

The Prime Minister said "The appointment was in recognition of his many years of public service as Member of Parliament and in promoting the Governments foreign affairs agenda internationally as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs."

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, John Baird added, "I have worked with Deepak for many years, first as a fellow Parliamentarian, then as my Parliamentary Secretary. He has served Canada with distinction both here at home and abroad, and I look forward to continuing to work with him."

"This is indeed an honor and I want to thank the Prime Minister for appointing me to this prestigious council." Said Parliamentary Secretary Obhrai

Preceding today's swearing-in ceremony, the Prime Minister announced that the Hon. Deepak Obhrai will be named Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and for International Human Rights.

Hon. Deepak Obhrai was first elected to the House of Commons in 1997 and served in the opposition as senior critic for International Trade, Senior Critic for International Development, and Senior Critic for Multiculturalism. He has served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs since 2006, the year when we formed Government. He was given the additional responsibility as Parliamentary Secretary for International Development when the need arose. Hon. Obhrai has also been named the Parliamentary Secretary responsible for International Human Rights.

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