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Canada can be happy with Myanmar's march towards full democracy, Deepak Obhrai tells Parliament

(Ottawa) – Hon. Deepak Obhrai, Member of Parliament for Calgary Forest Lawn, and International Development Critic of the Official Opposition, today made the following statement in the House of Commons:

“On February 1, I attended independence day celebrations of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Our Conservative government was at the forefront in pushing for democratic reforms. I visited Myanmar twice; first as an international election observer representing Canada; then I led an all-party delegation to support Canada's contribution to advance democracy.

Former Foreign Affairs Minister, the Hon. John Baird also visited Myanmar, where he conferred honorary Canadian citizenship on Aung San Suu Kyi.

Therefore, it was heartening to see this honorary Canadian citizen enter Myanmar's Parliament as its leader following a historic election.

Much work still needs to be done. Myanmar's constitution is military drafted and many powers continue to be retained by the military.

We extend to Aung San Suu Kyi and her government our best wishes as she continues to bring full democracy to Myanmar.”

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