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### Press release – MP Arif Virani’s (Parliamentary Secretary’s for Multiculturalism) meeting with Polish Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Jan Dziejczak.



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On August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 Arif Virani, Member of Parliament for Parkdale-High Park and Parliamentary Secretary for Multiculturalism received the Polish Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Secretary of State for Parliamentary Affairs Jan Dziejczak in Toronto, Ontario.

Parliamentary Secretary Virani also held talks with Mr Mateusz Stąsiek, Director of the Department for Cooperation with the Polish Diaspora and Poles Abroad, Mr Jan Badowski, Advisor to the Secretary of State and Mr Grzegorz Morawski, Consul General, Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Toronto.

Parliamentary Secretary Virani and the Deputy Minister Dziejczak reviewed main topics relating to the Polish community in Canada and Polonia in Parkdale-High Park. They also discussed the importance of expanding the Canadian-Polish political dialogue, prospects of intensifying cooperation and relations between the two countries and thirdly, international matters of special concern for Canada and Poland.

The service of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members’ on Operation REASSURANCE in Central and Eastern Europe was also discussed at the meeting. Parliamentary Secretary Virani stated that Canada recognizes Poland’s precarious geopolitical position in Europe and emphasized that CAF support to NATO contributes to a more secure and stable Central and Eastern Europe.

MP Arif Virani stated that he is tremendously honoured to represent a significant, vibrant and active Polonia in his Parkdale-High Park riding. He also alluded to his meeting with President Duda of Poland in 2016 in Ottawa.

Additionally, Parliamentary Secretary Virani and the Deputy Minister Dziejczak discussed the Memorial to the Victims of Communism, a monument to be built in Ottawa, funded by the Department of Heritage, to honour victims of Communism, like Poles, that now call Canada home.

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