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**STATEMENT of MEMBER of PARLIAMENT ARIF VIRANI,
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER of JUSTICE and,
VICE CHAIR of the CANADA-POLAND PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP
GROUP, on the OCCASION of the POLISH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY.**

November 11, 2018

Dzień Dobry! It is an immense privilege to extend my warm greetings to everyone celebrating Polish National Independence Day and the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining its independence. The restoration of statehood and national independence by Poles in 1918 was one of the most significant events in the history of Poland. An independent Polish state, the Republic of Poland, was resurrected after 123 years of partitions and rule by foreign powers.

In modern times, the sovereign Republic of Poland serves as an active member of the NATO and the European Union and is a valued member of the international community. Today, on Poland's National Independence Day, Canadians of Polish heritage can rightfully take enormous pride in a democratic, independent and economically thriving Poland. On this day of joyful celebrations of the centenary of Poland regaining its sovereignty, I would like to extend my best wishes to my constituents in Parkdale-High Park, the Canadian Polonia, and the Canadian Polish Congress (KPK). Dziękuję bardzo.

Yours truly,

Arif Virani

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