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IDC CONGRATULATES BRITISH PRIME MINISTER SIR KEIR STARMER

The Indian Diaspora Council International (**IDC**) and its global affiliates congratulate British Prime Minister **Keir Starmer** on his landslide victory in Thursday's election, ending 14 years of Conservative rule under five Tory prime ministers. PM Starmer's Labour Party secured 410 seats compared to Conservative's 121 seats in the 650 House of Commons parliamentary body.t

Starmer becomes only the fourth Labour leader in the party's 124-year history to secure an election victory. He assumed leadership in 2020 after the party's significant loss of 84 seats in the 2019 elections. At that time, many U.K. election observers believed this defeat signaled that Labour might never win an election again. IDC congratulates Sir Keir Starmer on his resounding victory in the recent UK elections. His success is a testament to his dedication, vision, and the trust that the British people have placed in his leadership. As he steps into the role of Prime Minister, the nation looks forward to his commitment to addressing the pressing challenges and seizing the opportunities ahead. His victory marks a new chapter for the United Kingdom, and we wish him all the best in his endeavors to lead the country towards a prosperous and united future.

IDC thanks outgoing Prime Minister Rishi Sunak for his dedicated service to the United Kingdom as the first person of Indian origin to serve as Prime Minister. His tenure has been marked by significant challenges, and his leadership has been a source of inspiration for many. His historic achievement has paved the way for greater diversity and representation in British politics, reflecting the rich multicultural fabric of their nation. We appreciate his hard work, resilience, and commitment to the country, and we wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

It is noteworthy that the new UK Parliament includes twenty-six (26) persons of Indian origin, a significant milestone in the representation of diverse communities within the government. This increased representation highlights the growing influence and contribution of the Indian diaspora to British society. It also underscores the importance of inclusivity in shaping policies that reflect the diverse fabric of the nation. The presence of these 26 individuals brings a wealth of perspectives and experiences, fostering a more comprehensive approach to addressing the needs and aspirations of all citizens.

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Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.