

## **Statement by**

### **H.E. General Ranjeva Marcel, Minister of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Madagascar**

Mr Chairman,  
Honourable Colleagues,  
Distinguished Delegates,

Allow me, first of all, to report the apologize from our Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. General Ranjeva Marcel. Due to other responsibilities that H.E. has in charge in the country, he could not join us. H.E. wish full success for our meeting.

Secondly, allow me to express my sincere appreciation and my gratitude to the Government of Iran for the warm hospitality and the excellent arrangement extended to the Malagasy delegation since our arrival in Tehran.

Mr Chairman and Honourable Colleagues,

We had just celebrate the tenth anniversary of our association last year, many efforts have been made during this period, for the development of each other; so my congratulations go to all of us and I wish continuous success to our Association for the coming years.

As far as development is concerned, we all know that many sectors are involved to ensure the economy growth of our respective countries. Having a common view inside a regional association like IOR ARC helps us to achieve our goals. However, some factors like the global warming or climate change, still threaten our region. It is permanently exposed to natural disasters, resulting in thousand of homeless and starving people, leaving our countries' economy shattered.

Those situations have a negative impact on our economy and social life: trade, investment, tourism, health. Efforts must be set up in national and regional level. For Madagascar, the MAP (Madagascar Action Plan) is the national policy used to accelerate and better coordinate the development process. It is a five year plan establishing direction and priorities for the Nation's progress, stating the commitments and strategies.

Last and not the least, I would like to thank our Association for having encouraged Madagascar, to organize activities in view of attracting investors as well as tourists.

I wish full success to our Meeting.

Thank you.