

**REMARKS BY**  
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**H.E Manouchehr Mottaki,**  
**Distinguished Delegates,**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is indeed a privilege for me to represent the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to join this meeting. May I take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Your Excellency and to the Government of The Islamic Republic of Iran for the warm Welcome and generous hospitality accorded to us since our arrival in this beautiful city of Tehran.

I should also like to thank H.E Manouchehr Mottaki for organizing this meeting. I do believe that under your able guidance, our session in the next few days will produce fruitful deliberations.

Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,

First of all, I would like to give compliments to IOA-ARC that in its 10th Year of Celebrations, IOR-ARC has produced abundant number of initiatives. However, it is necessary for us to explore innovative ways and mechanism to ensure that these initiatives be implemented and be completed in due course. It is therefore important to assert the need of streamlining IOR-ARC programs to utilize and strengthen the role of the Coordinating Secretariat and other IORARC tools such as IORNET; and to make priority of the activities or programs to be carried out. I would like again to re-emphasize that those projects should be doable, practical, focused, have great multiplier effects, well planned and feasible, in order to produce maximum outcomes.

In the areas of trade and investment, we should enhance the cooperation in trade facilitation to reduce trade barriers and increase trade flow. This might include cooperation of financial sector. The initiative of forming Clearing Payment Arrangement in IOR-ARC, for example, we believe could bring benefit to conserve the foreign exchange reserves, it is in this need Indonesia would like to proceed this form of cooperation by offering to host a meeting of IOR-ARC central bank officers to sort of brainstorming the possibilities of implementing CPA where IOR-ARC member countries could all join and gain the benefit of this cooperation.

Indonesia is also of the view that cooperation in the area of sharing best practice among member countries should become a focus of this cooperation. As developing countries, having microfinance in our banking system for empowering our economic would be of benefit to be implemented in our countries. As Indonesia has been regarded to be one of few countries succeeded in implementing microfinance especially in coping the financial problem hit Indonesia in 1997, it is our privilege to share our experiences in the practice of microfinance by proposing to hold a workshop on microfinance in due course for Indian Ocean Rim countries.

**Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,**

I believe that cooperation in the area of socio culture should also be taking into account to strengthen our togetherness, to feel a sense of brotherhood and to help each other in facing the global challenges. Therefore, cooperation in the field of Tourism and Education would be areas that can be developed in our cooperation. Indonesia, in this regard, is pleased to support the cooperation in these two areas. In Education, we are offering the IOR-ARC member countries, scholarship Programs under Developing Countries Partnership Scholarship Program for degree programs and Darmasiswa Scholarship Program for short term non degree program. More detailed information can be obtained from the brochures provided to you and can be accessed through its website address.

While we are streamline and focusing our programs and work, we should also support the development of the IOR-ARC Secretariat as well as the tools which support IOR-ARC work programs. The IORNET .com has been a tool in our cooperation which could be a portal to commence dialogues and exchange information in a committed manner leading to an enhancement and deepening of cooperation among the IOR-ARC member countries. We should support the idea of strengthening our secretariat and make the best use of IORNET to facilitate our communication. In this opportunity, I am also pleased to attach Indonesian websites on IOR-ARC related issues in IOR-ARC website.

Finally it is our task to support IOR-ARC's continuing efforts at developing capacity building measures and capabilities in all areas where IOR-ARC can add value. As members of IOR-ARC, we should commit ourselves to create policies which are supportive to economic development, poverty reduction, increase trade and investment (flows) through capacity building programs and implementation of appropriate regulations and administrative procedures.

Thank you