

STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR EVA L . NZARD
HEAD OF DELEGATION OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO
THE IOR-ARC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
MEETING, COLOMBO 26 AUGUST 2004

Your Excellency,

Chairman of the IOR-ARC Council of Ministers,
Honourable Ministers and Heads of Delegation,
Executive Director of IOR-ARC Coordinating Secretariat,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I wish on the outset to express our regret for the absence of my Minister in this August meeting. His absence has been necessitated by other commitments at National level that required him to stay behind.

Mr. Chairman,

1. Having said this, allow me to express my gratitude and appreciation for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to my delegation since our arrival in Sri Lanka and in this beautiful city of Colombo.
2. I congratulate the government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for hosting once again another IORARC Council of Ministers in less than one year. Definitely this is not an east task. We appreciate the excellent arrangements put at our disposal for the smooth conduct of the meeting.
3. My appreciation is as well extended to the Executive Director of the IOR-ARC Coordinating Secretariat and his entire staff and all those Sri Lankan citizens working behind the curtains for the success of our meeting.
4. Last but not least, wish to congratulate the Republic of South Africa for being elected the Rapporteur of this August meeting.

Mr. Chairman,

5. My delegation wishes to congratulate you for the excellent and detailed report which to some of our stands to be a guideline on the various projects that need to be undertaken by our organization. As reflected in your report, a lot more need to be done if IOR-ARC I is to achieve its desired goals. IOR-ARC Member States have set some programmes and projects to be implemented. The ultimate goal of these programmes and projects is to raise living standards of the people in region.

We can only achieve the noble task if Member States are willing to work together, and use available resources and opportunities to

Increase and strengthen intra trade and investment in the IOR-ARC region.

6. Allow me chair at this juncture to reiterate Tanzania's commitment and desire to work closely with other IOR-ARC member countries in the implementation of its work programmes so that the desired goals are achieved.

We wish to commend the well-done job by the outgoing Executive Director and wish success the incoming Executive Director.

I once again wish the meeting successful deliberations

I THANK YOU.

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