

**Statement of H.E Ambassador Mohammed Morsy Awad  
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**(IOR-ARC)**

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**Mr. Chairman**

**Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen:**

Allow me at the outset, to thank our hosts, the Government and the people of the Republic of Yemen for their warm hospitality. I would also like to congratulate the chairmanship of this conference for the excellent arrangements made for its success.

**I would also like to extend on behalf of H.E minister Ahmed Aboul-Gheit Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt his greetings to all distinguished delegates and sincerest wishes of success for this conference.**

**Mr. Chairman**

**Excellencies,**

I am honored and privileged to participate in today's debate of the 10<sup>th</sup> ministerial meeting of the IOR-ARC , which is considered to be an important international association for Egypt as a Dialogue partner.

It is evident that today, more that ever, the IOR-ARC has acquired more impetus as it moves towards a new stage of greater opportunities enabling the association to tackle challenges that face the regional cooperation within the Indian Ocean as a lifeline of international trade and economy.

Egypt as a Dialogue Partner to the IORARC, is committed to the valued objectives of the association, and to the active participation in all its activities and meetings including the newly approved projects , with a view towards ensuring that the IOR-ARC exploits the immense opportunities to the fullest.

Our active participation, along with the valuable participation of other dialogue partners, emphasize the importance of collaboration and cooperation between countries of the Indian Ocean Rim and those of the Red and Mediterranean seas, sharing similar concerns and interests including maritime security, international trade and economy, as well as promoting regional and sub regional cooperation.

**Mr. Chairman**

**Excellencies,**

Finally, as we welcome the fruitful results of this meeting, we leave it with a greater sense of the important of the IOR-ARC. Once again Egypt reiterates its commitment to render necessary support and cooperation towards achieving the goals enshrined in the Charter of the IOR-ARC.

Thank you.