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**Your Excellency, the Chair of Council of Ministers, Distinguish delegates, ladies and gentleman,**

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you for the assumption of the Chair of Council of Ministers meeting and hosting this meeting in this beautiful historical city of Sana'a. On behalf of the Omani delegation, I would like to thank your Excellency and the Yemeni government for the excellent arrangement and warm hospitality that accorded to our delegation since our arrival.

The excellent preparation made by your government will undoubtedly contribute towards the success of our meetings.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Heads of IOR-ARC working groups, Academic group, Business Forum, Working group of Trade and Investment, Sub committee of Senior officials, working groups of Heads of Missions in South Africa and the Secretariat for all the hard work and dedication that brought us to this important event of Council Of Ministers.

The conclusion drawn in the last few days and the projects approved like the FSU, MTC, Tourism are all important decisions issues; we also welcome our dialogue partners and we hope they will come on board after consultation in liaison with the Secretariat and the Head of Mission group in South Africa.

**Distinguish delegates, ladies and gentleman,**

Recent changes in the international arena system demand that countries of IOR-ARC shall become close partners. Diversification of this organisation including the North and South countries creates many opportunities for all of us.

We need to strengthen this partnership to facilitate two way trade and investment flow. Such partnership should be based on shared commitment to market economy, open multilateral trading system, non discrimination liberalisation and open regionalism. We also submitted strategic vision paper to the Secretariat and we are happy to discuss it in the next strategic vision forum in Mauritius.

Finally, we would like to express our willingness in continuing to work with our next Chair India and Vice-Chair Australia, and with you all Member of States and dialogue partners to achieve our objectives and goals for the benefit and progress of our countries and people.