

**In the Name of the Almighty God**  
**The Statement of H.E.Mr. Sayed Amir Mansor Borgheai**  
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**Honorable Foreign Minister of Yemen**  
**Excellencies**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

First of all, I wish to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to the Government and People of Yemen, for excellent arrangement and warm hospitality.

**Distinguished colleagues,**  
**Respected audience,**

The third millennium started with hope and positive vision and human has become optimistic about the future. But unfortunately the inefficient international management system has not been able to materialize these objectives but on the contrary it has become root for emergence of new economic, political, social and cultural crisis. The recent financial and economic crisis, continuation of regional and international conflicts, expansion of insecurity and instability, increase of poverty and wider gap between the rich and the poor at the national and international levels and also emergence of crisis in family, which is main unit of the society, are only a few examples of this inefficiency.

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In such a conditions, expansion of joint and multilateral cooperation can be good solution in facing the challenges and problems.

The Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation based on its philosophy and original objectives should play a constructive and efficient role in increasing capabilities and potentialities of the member countries and also to overcome the financial and economic challenges at the regional and international level. Despite the extensive efforts and fruitful steps taken by member states, unfortunately such huge capacity has not been utilized in a good manner.

**Distinguished colleagues**  
**And guests**

I am not going to repeat the points that my colleagues have already mentioned and I only suffice to refer to a number of important issues. Members of the Association can provide the road map for getting out of the future crisis by full cooperation and consultations among themselves and based on their common principal to take long steps in promoting

peace and brotherhood in the world. In other words, we can front runner of peace, justice and friendship in the world and set a good example of peaceful and fair activities to the international community.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is ready to extend its full cooperation in this regard. We also fully ready to cooperate in various financial and economic areas and also in projects related to different environmental, tourist, new power generating technologies, exchange of skilled manpower and regulating the financial market within the framework of the Association.

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The Islamic Republic of Iran renews its support of the new Charter and considers it as a step forward and in the right direction. The programs of the Association are not defined within the long term road map. Therefore the necessity for having a long program and plan of action is deeply felt. I think it is necessary to note that during the meeting of Council of Ministers in 2008 in Tehran, the plan of action of the Association was approved and six areas of trade, financing and investment, training and technology, fisheries, tourism, natural disasters and information technology were defined as priority areas for the Association. This document has clearly drowned the road map of the Association. I suggest that the implementation of this document to be in the agenda of the meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials and if it is necessary to update it in order to become a platform for the future activates of the Association.

Having a new Charter for the Association, necessitate its relevant bodies namely Business Forum, Academic Group and Working Group for Trade and Investment also to make structural reform in accordance with the needs of the Association. It is suggested that sub-committee for each of these organs to be formed and one of its members act as coordinating country.

So far there has not been the possibility for the Association to hold several meeting of Council of Ministers and Committee of Senior Officials every year, but there is need to make consultation and follow-ups regarding various issues related to the Association, I therefore suggest that Troika of the ministers and senior officials to hold consultative meetings on the sideline of the international meetings such as the UN general assembly. They can use these opportunities in order to review the progress of the plans and projects as well as exchanging views on important subjects of the Association.

I would like to announce the full support of the Islamic Republic of Iran from the activities of the Fisheries Support Unit, Regional Center for Science and Transfer of Technology Center and Maritime Transport Council. I take this opportunity to bring to the kind attention to the Council of the Ministers that the Islamic Republic of Iran has provided the building and paid all of the costs related to salary of the personnel, administrative facilities as well as providing the needed budget of the center for holding seminars, meetings and workshops during the past two years. The Islamic Republic of

Iran strongly recommends that the other member states to come forward and share the cost and the budget of the Center.

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all member states who have contributed to the objectives of the association during the last year by carrying out projects, holding meetings, exhibitions and also training courses.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is ready do whatever it can to strengthen the Association and promote the level of its cooperation and also facilitate rapid and successful implementation of its plan.

I am confident that, the conference can bring about further success for multilateral cooperation among member states.

At the end, once again, I would like to extend my gratitude to the government and people of Yemen and in particular to His Excellency Abu Baker Abdullah Al-Qirbi, the Foreign Minister of Yemen for their efforts in hosting and excellent arrangement for the holding meetings and their contribution in materialization of the sublime objectives of the Association.

Wishing all the success and prosperity for all member states and their nations.