I hereby, present my utmost thanks and gratitude to the Islamic Republic of Iran for the excellent arrangements and remarkable hospitality, since our organization was established in 1979 the geopolitical and economic importance of IOR-ARC has noticeably increased; however within the past ten years few projects have been undertaken and does not realise the hopes and expectations of our people and governments which reminds me of the American saying: WHERE IS THE BEEF!!

Today in the course of the 8th Meeting of the Ministerial Council held in the beautiful city of Tehran, We- Dear colleagues Ministers Foreign Affairs IOR-ARC should commit ourselves to much more readiness towards the implementation of what had been planned and agreed upon leading to full achievement of our goals.

Partnership should be the firm basis on which we build our co-operation, it is of crucial importance that we all combine efforts in serving our common interests and observe them carefully as they are realised and accomplished.

As the coming Chair of the IOR-ARC Yemen is eager to take over its missions and pay its efforts in enhancing the effectiveness of the Association and will look at any suggestions on how to enhance our co-operation.

It is by your firm and constant support; we could Mr Chairman, Distinguished Colleagues achieve our goals and utmost aspirations, serve our common interests for the benefit of our people.

Finally, Mr Chairman and as an expression of our support and commitment and to emphasize that credibility is obtained by action; we are pleased to present a contribution of ($US 25000) for the benefit of the Special Fund to support the Association primary projects such as (FSU) of the Sultanate of Oman.

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