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SANA'A COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE OCCASION OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF IOR-ARC AUGUST 5, 2010

The Honourable Ministers and high-ranking Officials participating in the 10th Meeting of the Council of Ministers of IOR-ARC held in Sana'a on 5th August 2010, expressed their appreciation to the Republic of Yemen, for the capable leadership given by Yemen during its second year Chairmanship of the Council of Ministers Meeting.

They noted the progress, achievements and challenges of the Association over the past year. They also welcomed the adoption of the revised Charter of IOR-ARC, Rules of Procedure, Staff Regulations and Financial Regulations which will enhance the effectiveness of the Association.

The Honourable Ministers especially emphasized the following areas:

- Implementation of the spirit of the revised Charter of IOR-ARC for revitalizing the association.
- Enhancing Member State-driven cooperation in various areas including, inter-alia the promotion of trade and investment, tourism, cultural cooperation and education.
- Full support of Member States to the operationalisation of the Fisheries Support Unit (FSU).
- Implementation of the Action Plan, adopted in the Ministerial Meeting in 2008.
- Cooperation in combating communicable diseases and natural disasters.
- Cooperation among Member States in addressing the challenges emanating from climate change.
- Encouraging Member States to actively cooperate in the different programmes of Regional Center for Science and Transfer of Technology.
- Support for establishment of other Centers of Excellence.
- Project-driven and research-oriented initiatives to be actively carried forward and particularly to be decided and followed up by regular meetings of the CSO and between the annual meetings of the COM, entailing greater coordination amongst Member States as well as between Member States and the Secretariat.
- Commitment to the functioning of the IOR-ARC Maritime Transport Council and the promotion of maritime related issues in the Indian Ocean.

- Support initiatives for combating Piracy in the Gulf of Aden and other parts of the Indian Ocean, and support the initiative of Republic of Yemen.
- Enhancement of private sector involvement in the Association in the area of business, trade and economic cooperation with the support of leading Chambers of Commerce of each Member State for participation in the activities of IOR-ARC Business Forum.
- Greater support to the activities of the IOR-ARC Academic Group by the broader participation of leading academics, scientists and educators from each Member State.

The Government of Yemen expressed its heartfelt thanks for the support and cooperation that was offered to it by IOR-ARC Member States during its tenure as Chair of the Association. The delegates of Member States expressed their thanks to His Excellency, Ali Abdullah Saleh, President of Republic of Yemen for his support of the Association activities, and the Prime Minister of Republic of Yemen for his Opening Ceremony Speech. The delegates of Member States expressed their gratefulness and appreciation for hospitality offered to them by the Government and people of Yemen and for the excellent organization of the Meeting.