Address by Mr. Abdellhamed M. Nasser, of the Republic of Yemen at the Sixth Meeting of the Council of Ministers of IOR-ARC –Tehran, 21st 22nd February 2006

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman,

First of all, on behalf of our delegation, I would like to convey our congratulations to your country, the Islamic Republic of Iran for assuming the Chairmanship of this important Association, and express our confidence that the Association shall witness a significant progress during your wise Chairmanship.

Mister Chairman

Your Excellencies,

We express our thanks and appreciation to the Republic of Sri Lanka for its good and successful Chairmanship of the Association for the past two years.

Excellencies

I would like to announce that Yemen had agreed on the Preferential Trade Agreement and is going to make a study on impact assessment of Tsunami disaster on the productivity of marine resources and will circulate the same to Member States in due course.

I also would like to express my country's readiness to co-operate with other Member States in order to make this Association a successful one.

Mister Chairman

Once again I congratulate you and wish you all success.

Thank you.