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**In the Name of God**

**Honourable Ministers**

**Mr Chairman,**

**Distinguished Colleagues,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

Let me first of all and once again express my gratitude for the hospitality accorded to us and the excellent arrangements made for our meetings. Fortunately we witnessed important and tangible achievements during the chairmanship of Sri Lanka. Here I would like to thank the Government of Sri Lanka for its construction efforts in promoting the IOR-ARC cooperation during the chairmanship.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the outgoing Executive Director and his colleagues and welcome the new Executive Director from Sri Lanka.

It is an honor and privilege for the Islamic Republic of Iran to assume chairmanship of IOR-ARC for the next period. We hope to be able to conduct the responsibilities put on our shoulder to the best possible manner. Iran is assuming such sensitive responsibilities at a juncture where we all agree that a project driven attitude should prevail and also dominate throughout our activities. We believe that the future of our organization is very promising and I am confident that with political will and the enthusiasm exist for developing closer cooperation we will be making our Organization a dynamic and example one. In this regard we count on full and sincere cooperation of all member states to this end.

In conclusion, once again, I would like to extend our invitation to you and all the delegates to attend Tehran Meeting the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ministers - 2005

**Thank you**