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## Yemen Deputy Minister of Tourism Speech

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*Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!*

*We came from the legendary land of the Queen of Sheba. The Republic of the Yemen has come London to promote itself and to invite you to pay it a visit, the country characterised by unique and attractive tourism factors.*

*Yemen is located in the south west part of the Arabian Peninsula. It is bordered by Saudi Arabia from the north, the Gulf of Aden and the Arabia Sea from the south, the Sultanate of Oman is to the East and the Red Sea to the West.*

*The area of Yemen is about 555sq.klm with a population of 23 million people, distributed across 20 governorates in addition to Sana'a, the capital city.*

*The Republic of Yemen possesses a number of distinguished tourism attractions, such as unique architecture, art and climate, which varies between moderate and relatively hot in summer and moderate warm in winter accompanied by sunny light throughout the year.*

*Yemen also has an ancient esteemed civilisation, rich culture, archaeological sites and old historical towns like Sana'a, Marib, Braqish (to name but a few). There are still a number of castles, forts and old walls which exist till today. In addition Yemen offers crystal clear sea water and pristine beaches with soft sand as well as over 150 islands offering a distinguished and unique biological variety. Socotra island in the main island among all that is situated in the Arabian Sea. The second is the Kamaran and Arkhabel islands of which great Hunaish and minor Hunaish are the pioneers in the Red Sea. The Republic of Yemen also has a number of natural protected areas. The prominent ones being Socotra island, Bura'a, in Al-Hodaidah, Hawf in Al-Mahrah and Shormah, home to tortoises in Hadhrmout and Otmah in Dhamar and the wet land in Aden.*

*In addition to the humble people and their traditional Arabic origins and customs, their hospitality and desire to host new friends is friendly and sociable.*

*Dear ladies and gentlemen I am glad to meet you and thank you for giving me the chance to address you. I will be more than happy to welcome you to my country and to live in harmony with its people.*

*Peace be upon you.*

*Mr. Omar A Babelgheith*

*Yemen Deputy Minister of Tourism*