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## **Chair's Statement – High Level Policy Dialogue on Women and the Economy 2024**



**High Level Policy Dialogue on  
Women and the Economy  
Arequipa, Peru  
16 May 2024**

### **Chair's Statement**

In the context of the Women and the Economy Forum that took place in Arequipa, some economies expressed their views on Russia and Ukraine and the situation in Gaza.

Some economies considered that these issues have an impact on the global economy and could be treated in APEC, while other economies do not believe that APEC is a forum to discuss these issues.

Recalling APEC's foundational principles, the Chair urged economies to uplift their commitment to the strengthening of APEC as an effective cooperation platform, based on consensus as its most important tool.

Arequipa May 16th, 2024