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**Statement of the Chair – 30<sup>th</sup> Small and Medium  
Enterprises Ministerial Meeting 2024**



**30<sup>th</sup> Small and Medium Enterprises  
Ministerial Meeting  
Pucallpa, Peru  
13 September 2024**

**Chair's Statement**  
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In the context of the 30th Small and Medium Enterprises Ministerial Meeting Statement that took place in Pucallpa, 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.

Pucallpa, September 13, 2024