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**Chair's Statement - Joint Meeting of Ministers  
Responsible for Women and Ministers Responsible  
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### **Joint Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Women and Ministers Responsible for Trade**

In the context of the Joint Meeting of APEC Ministers Responsible for Women and Ministers Responsible for Trade 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 17th, 2024