

*Chair's Statement  
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*In the context of the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade meeting 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.*

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