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- I. ABAC's Report to Leaders
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- ◉ A basic building block for an environment conducive and supportive of business is the rule of law
 - Open and transparent government, absence of corruption, regulatory transparency and enforcement, fundamental rights, and order and security

- ◉ Laws should be administered and enforced through an accessible, fair and efficient process presided over by ethical, competent and independent representatives



- ◉ 2014: ABAC endorsed the APEC General Elements of Effective Voluntary Corporate Compliance Programs

- ◉ 20 April 2015: “ABAC’s Special Session on the Importance of Rule of Law, Enforcement, and Compliance to Prevent and Combat Corruption in APEC” in Mexico City



Key ABAC Messages

Encourage APEC economies to:

- Give priority to delivering legal certainty to our communities firmly entrenching core principles of rule of law
- Fully implement the Beijing Declaration on Fighting Corruption and to actively participate in the newly created APEC Network of Anti-corruption Authorities and Law Enforcement Agencies (ACT-NET)
- Implement the APEC Codes of Conduct at the local level



Key ABAC Messages

Encourage APEC to:

- Support a meeting between ABAC and the Ministers of Justice of the APEC economies in Peru next year
- Establish a benchmark score in the Rule of Law Index and encourage best practices

