• Good evening everyone.

• I know you’ve had a long day so I will keep my remarks relatively short.

• I want to thank you all again for coming, particularly those from outside the Western Hemisphere.

• I know the journey was long but certainly worth the trip as you accomplished so much while you were here.

• I want to congratulate Peru for giving APEC economies a new collaborative framework model to emulate across the APEC region.

• This was the largest number of stakeholders and the most comprehensive framework ever established to establish a completely open and transparent healthcare environment.

• I also want to congratulate Canada for its new collaborative framework and for winning the Lighthouse Award this year for serving as a beacon of ethical light for all APEC economies and for your contributions to this initiative from its beginning.

• My sincere gratitude to Russell Williams and Chisoula Nikidis from Canada. You have been the master minds behind the biopharmaceutical work and without your leadership in Mexico City, the Mexico City Principles would not have materialized.

• The work you all have accomplished is recognized around the world. The APEC SME Business Ethics work is now serving as an incubator for others to follow.

• In fact, tomorrow I will join a Latin American launch event for the medical device sector at the Lima Chamber.
I want to thank AdvaMed for sponsoring the APEC forum, as well as the Latin America event tomorrow.

Several of the participants here today came from non-APEC economies and I want to thank you for making the trip to Lima.

I hope you’ve seen the size and scope of what can be done in your own hemisphere.

As the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Western Hemisphere I’m very excited about the possibilities.

This initiative has grown exponentially each year and it takes significant manpower and sponsorship to hold such a first-class event.

My congratulations to Andrew Blasi, Patricia Wu and my own staff Lynn Costa and Daniel Miller for once again organizing a program that delivers results.

Behind this team is a great number of mentors that have been working with APEC economies to establish codes of ethics in local associations across the APEC region.

In addition to supporting this APEC initiative, these mentors have demanding day jobs for companies and associations.

These companies and associations – and believe me they are not all from the United States – step forward to provide lunches and many of the nice elements that accompany these programs.

One of these companies, Eli Lilly and Company, has served as an anchor and sponsor of this work since the beginning.

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy has named Lilly one of the “50 Leading Companies for Women” in the APEC region and beyond.
• The award recognizes positive efforts by companies to improve women’s leadership opportunities in the workplace in promoting women to managerial positions, senior leadership and decision-making roles; expanding the recruitment, retention, career development and professional experience of women; and creating a culture of diversity and inclusion.

• We are extremely fortunate this evening to have Ms. Melissa Stapleton Barnes, Senior Vice President, Enterprise Risk and Management and Chief Ethics and Compliance Office for Eli Lilly and Company provide closing remarks. Ms. Barnes also serves as a member of the company’s executive committee.

• She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University and a law degree from Harvard Law School and was recognized in 2015 by Ethisphere as an “Attorney Who Matters”.

• I would now like to turn the microphone over to Ms. Melissa Barnes, an Attorney Who Really Matters from a company that really matters to APEC.