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## CHINA URGES COOPERATION AS ASIA PACIFIC TRADE MINISTERS MEET IN SUZHOU

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Trade ministers from Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) economies gathered in the eastern Chinese city of Suzhou on Friday for a two-day meeting.

Chinas international trade envoy Li Chenggang opened the APEC forum, urging regional economies to send a strong message to the world in support of cooperation.

Chinas call came amid mounting concerns over global protectionism and the impact of US President Donald Trumps America First trade agenda.

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