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- Good morning everyone and welcome to the Women 20 meeting. It is an honour, for me and my husband, to have you all in our country.
- As you know, this is the first time a Latin American country chairs this summit.
- And, from this moment on, we have an opportunity to raise awareness and encourage leaders to invest in women's economic development.
- It is clear that closing the gap between men and women is a goal that can no longer be postponed.
- The only measurement for someone to carry out a project and accomplish their goals should be their capability, their talent. There shouldn't be such arbitrary and unfair limits as those based in gender.
- So I am glad that, during these days, each of our conversations will have a common purpose: to transform ideas into concrete actions.
- We all come from different places and backgrounds. We represent women who experience different realities. That is the reason why it is so important that we listen to and learn from each other.
- Because we all have something to contribute. From our places, we can inspire others and make sure this is not just a dream, but a reality we can all work on.
- We are facing a crucial stage, a moment of deep changes, and we all have the historic opportunity to join in a profound transformation for women all over the world.
- This is not only a subject for women, it involves and affects us all. My husband and the Argentinian Government have assumed a deep commitment to make this a reality.
- And I am personally committed to ensure that the outcomes of our meetings will reach both the President's and other leader's hands.
- I hope that, in the future, when women come together, it will no longer have to do with conversations regarding equality, because it will be a reality in each corner of the world.

- I hope that, in the future, when we come together, it will be to face new challenges, because we will have made a difference.
- Thank you for your commitment. And thank you for being here in Argentina.