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## **Global Chamber Platform appeals to Iran: politics must not misuse business**

In days of difficult international tensions, the Global Chamber Platform (GCP) – which links Chambers of Commerce and Industry around the world – launched an appeal to the Iranian Chamber to do its utmost to prevent the Iranian President from imposing an economic embargo against the Western world.

Christoph Leitl, chairman of the GCP, said: *“The Iranian Chamber, as a member of the Global Chamber Platform, has signed a declaration stating that the business community aims at promoting tolerance, mutual understanding and peace. Establishing an economic embargo would have the exact opposite effect.”*

*“Business should aim at crossing bridges and bringing people together. It must not be misused as a tool in order to fuel political conflicts. The Iranian Chamber should commit itself to using the business community as a means to solve conflicts instead of deepening them.”*

*“Especially in times when political emotions run high, voices calling for caution are most needed”,* concluded Mr Leitl, who has already invited the president of the Iran Chamber to discuss this further.

**Note to the editor:** Members of the Global Chamber Platform are:

- Association of ACP National Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Ibero-American Association of Chambers of Commerce (AICO)
- Asociación Industrial Latino-Americana (AILA)
- Association of Mediterranean CCI's (ASCAME)
- Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI)
- Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC)
- China Council for Promotion of International Trade (CCOIC/CCPIT)
- Federation of GCC Chambers (FGCCC)
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines
- Junior Chamber International
- Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation
- SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- EUROCHAMBRES, Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- Observer: US Chamber of Commerce

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