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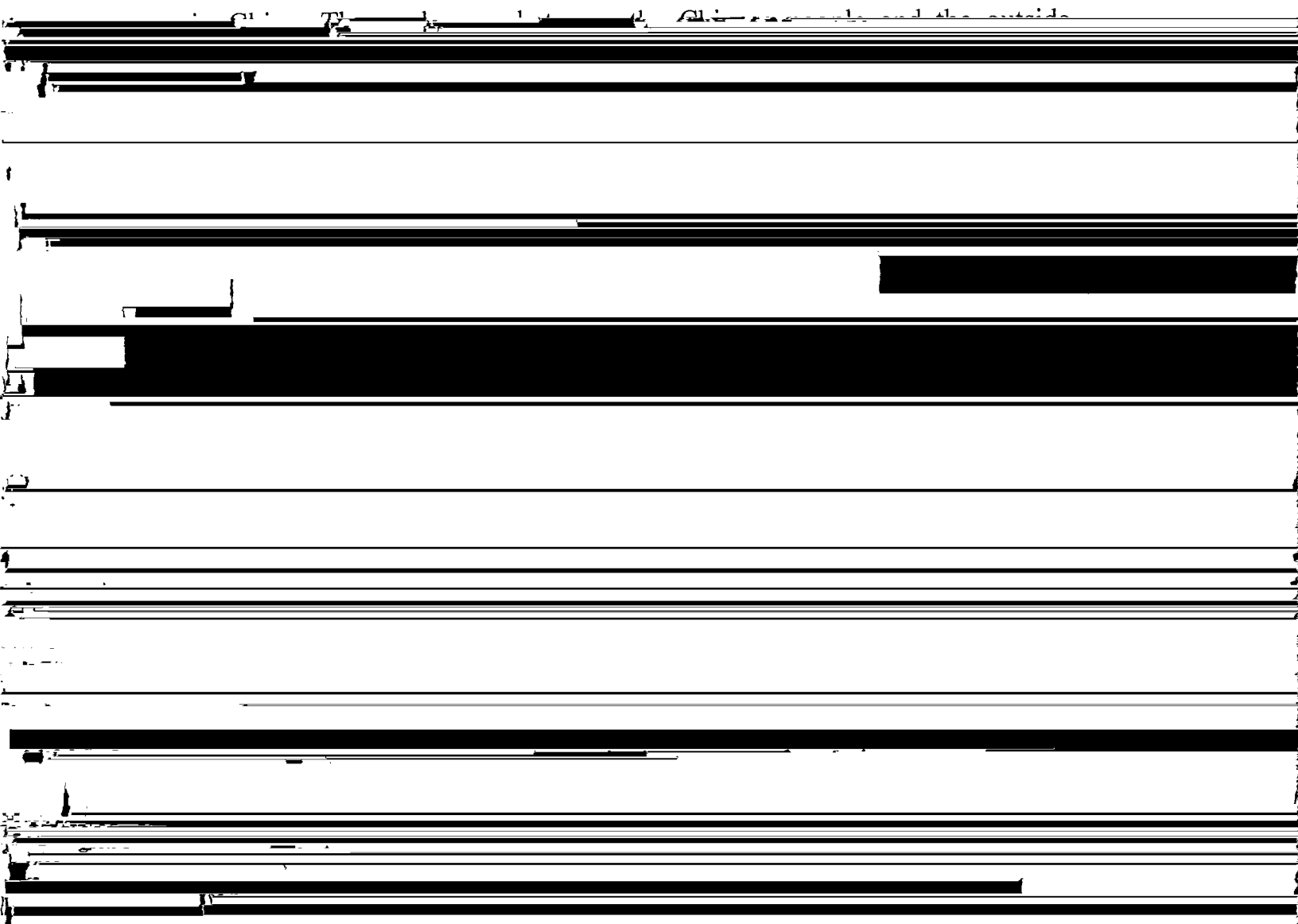
lobalization. international population migration has an important impact,

conomic development in the host

reproduction pattern has undergone a historic change with a low level of fertility. According to the 1% population sampling survey conducted by the State Statistical Bureau in 2005, the total population of Mainland China (excluding Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan) reached 1.31 billion by November 1, 2005. Compared to the Fifth National Census in 2000, the newly added population totaled 40.45 million, with an annual increase rate of 0.63%. Although China's population growth has achieved a low fertility level, due to a huge population base, the total number will still continue to grow by 8-10 million annually in the coming decades.

development.

In recent years, especially after its WTO entry, the Chinese government has continuously implemented the reform and opening-up policy to improve its socialist market economic system. A China with a growing economy, a stable society, a contented population and a peaceful foreign policy is emerging. In compliance with WTO rules, we not only protect the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese expatriates and legal persons, but also provide greater convenience for foreigners working and studying





urban and rural areas and in the eastern, central and western regions. The

industrialization and

urbanization should be addressed in a comprehensive way. Meanwhile, we also support and encourage Chinese citizens and enterprises to expand exchanges and cooperation with the international community in the area of economy and cultural exchanges, making a contribution to regional

economic development. To this end, we propose the following:

on an equal footing with developed countries.

China advocates and observes diversity of the world. Cultural diversity is a precious common legacy of humanity and competition and exchanges of different cultures are the very force that advances human development.

mutual benefit, equality and cooperation, and settle disputes properly. The Chinese government and people are ready to join hands with the governments and people of all other countries to safeguard and promote world peace, development and progress

Thank you all!