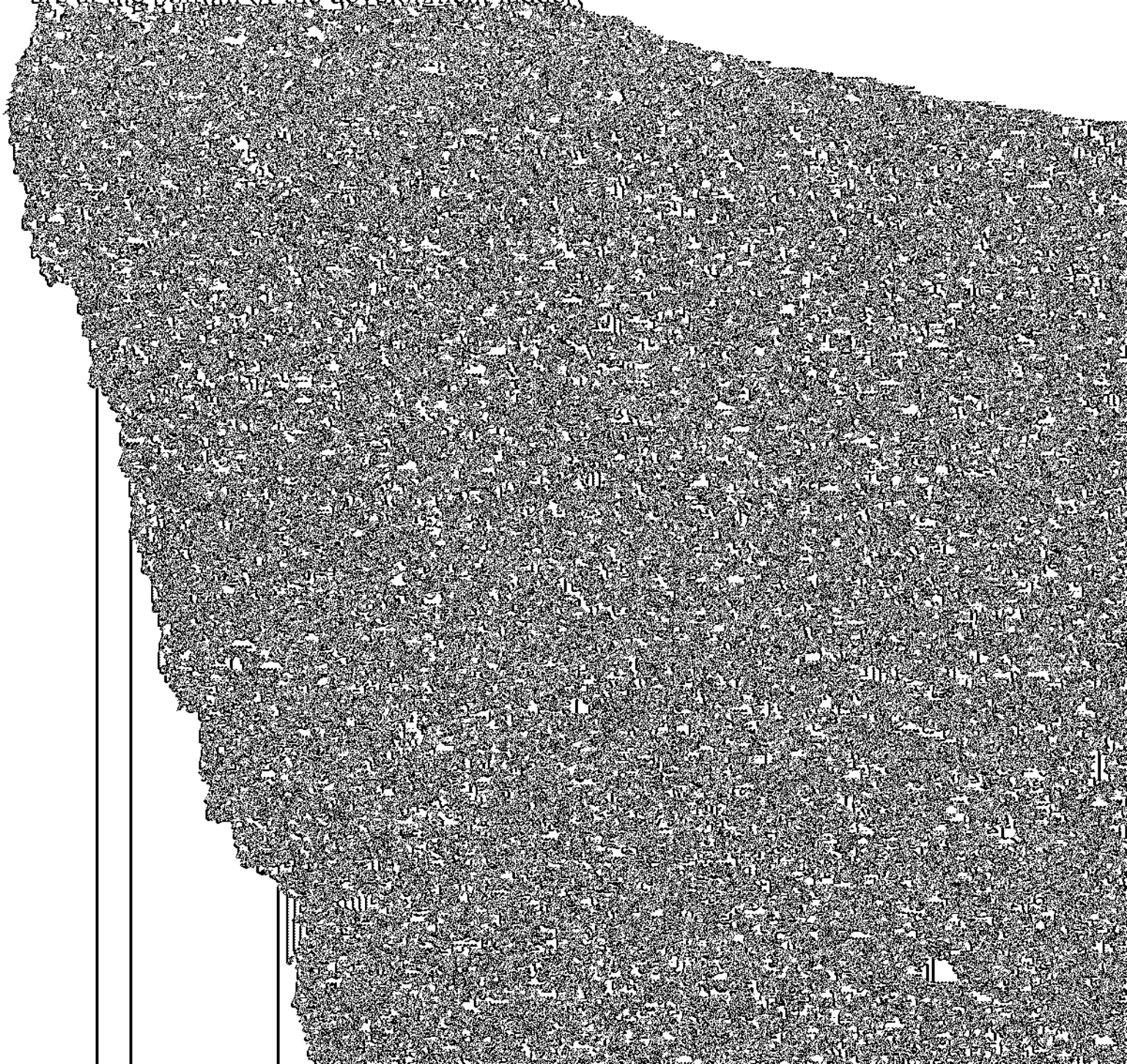


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**STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY LYONPO NAMGAY DORJI
MINISTER OF FINANCE, ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN**

In the 17 SDGs, we have an ambitious set of development goals that live up to that challenge. Expectations from this conference are, therefore, extremely high.

It must deliver a holistic and comprehensive package of actionable measures to support the implementation of ambitious post-2015 development agenda, particularly for the least developed countries that are at the bottom of the development ladder,

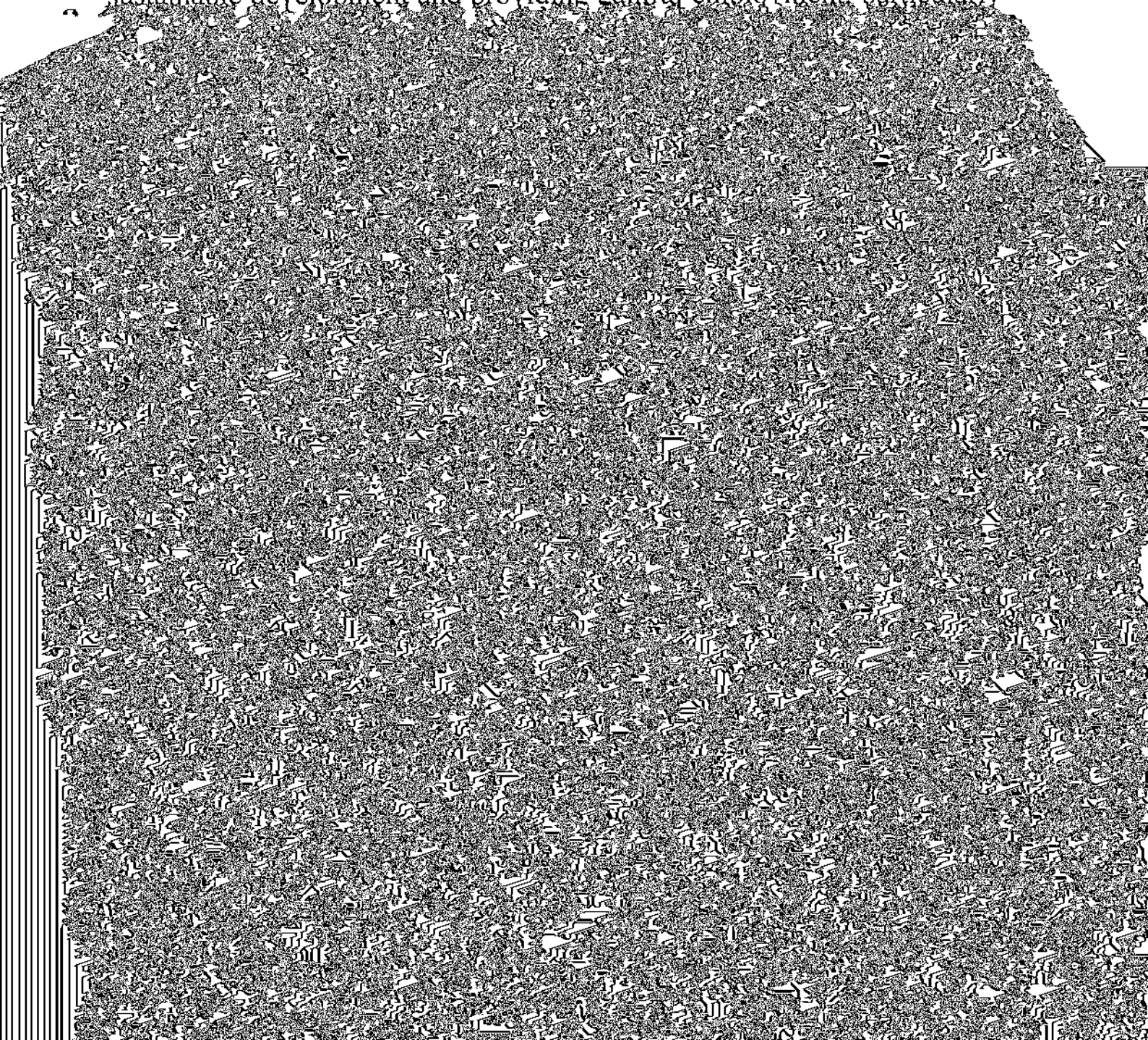


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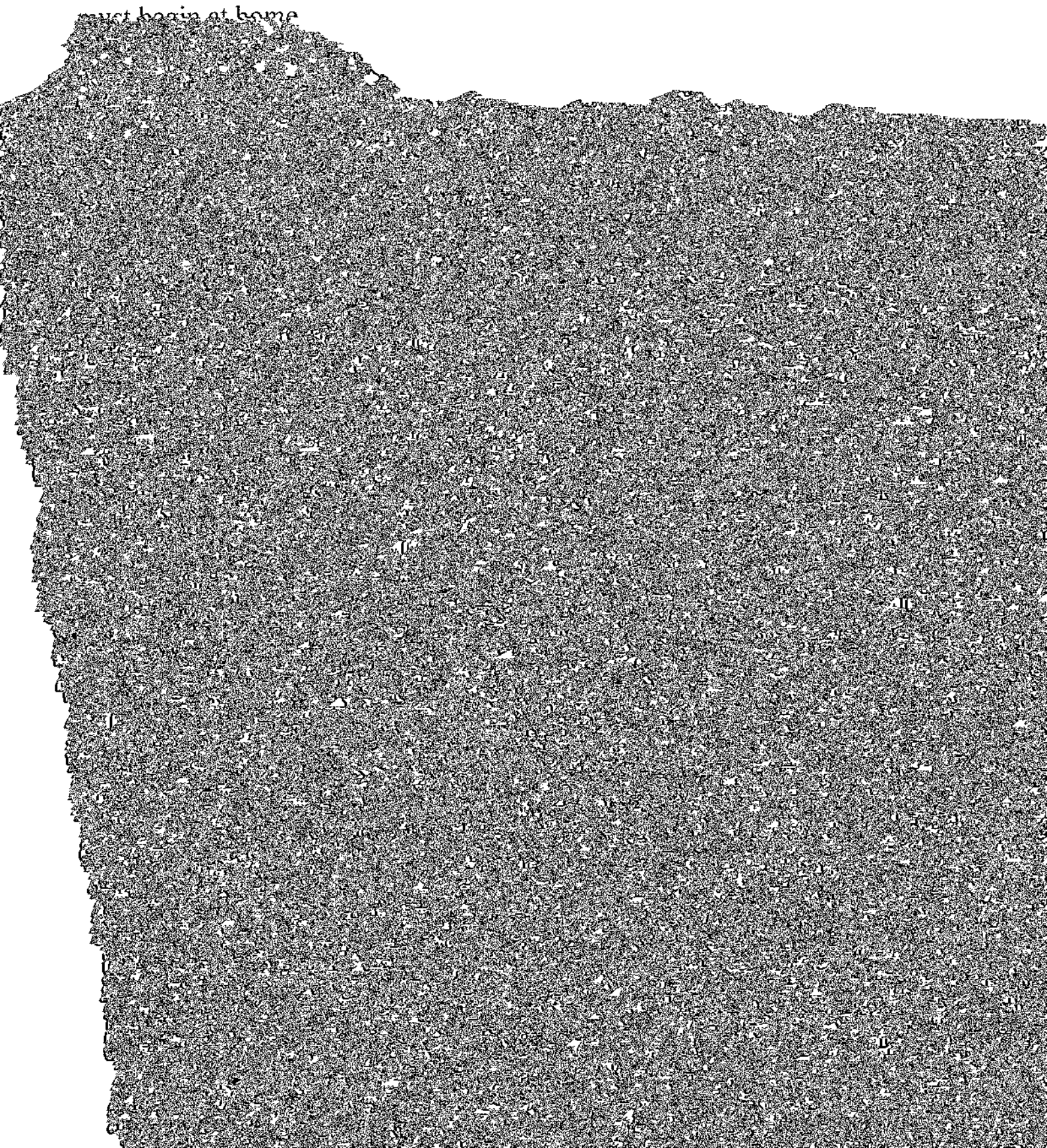
Bhutan is a small landlocked and least developed country.

Being classified as a country in not just one, but two groups of countries in special situations, our development challenges are formidable.

With over 12% of our population below the national poverty line, eradicating poverty remains our top priority. Ensuring inclusive sustainable development and providing gainful employment, particularly



For countries in special situations like mine, as much as we have tried, addressing these challenges will require strong support of the global community while fully recognizing that the effort to advance development must begin at home



It remains our firm conviction that a renewed global partnership should

This is, however, not to say that domestic resource mobilization is not important. We continue to make every effort in mobilizing domestic

resources for the structural transformation of our economies.

Mr. President,

Today, we have a historic opportunity to seek truly transformative development agenda - one that brings about shared prosperity to humanity

