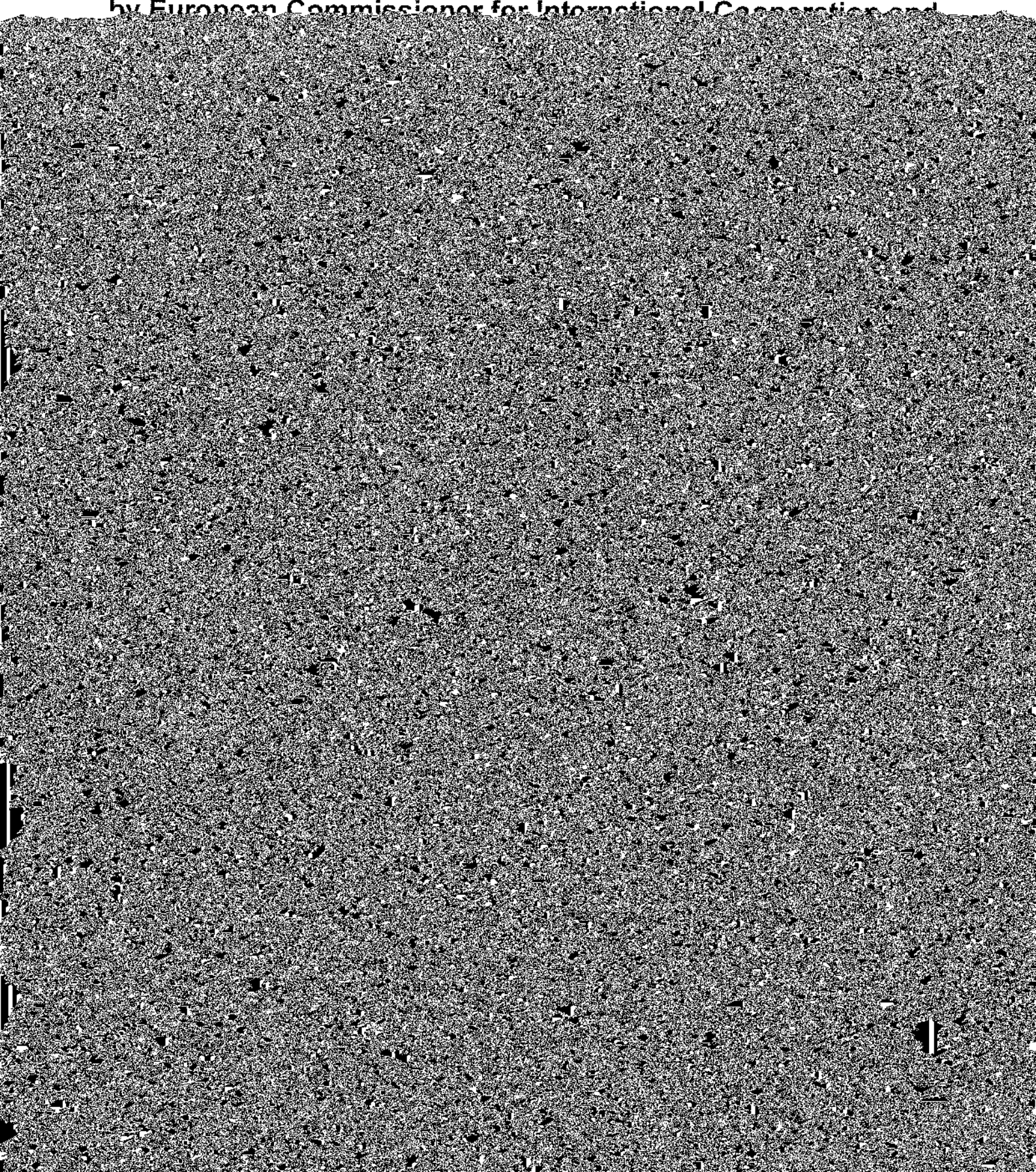


EU Statement

by European Commissioner for International Cooperation and



Ladies and gentlemen

Europe is the most open market in the world for developing

The EU will continue to put issues of human rights, gender equality, peaceful societies and justice for all at the core of our action. I'm therefore particularly pleased that this agenda recognises the need to address these key issues.

This Conference is critical. We are all here to decide how we can use financial and non-financial resources to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals to be agreed in New York, whilst preparing the climate agreement to be adopted in Paris. Since 2009,

seize the opportunity to move forward together to harness all the

resources and other means available to drive forward sustainable

realise the SDGs. I want to underline the key importance of setting now, in Addis Ababa, the right policy framework for our action.

By this, I mean that:

Good governance, democracy, the rule of law, the fight against corruption and illicit financial flows as well as effective, accountable and inclusive institutions are crucial.

Policy coherence at all levels by all countries should be at the core of our new global partnership. We must all assess the impact of our policy decisions on poverty and on sustainable development

Let's start working. This is our world, our diversity, our future.