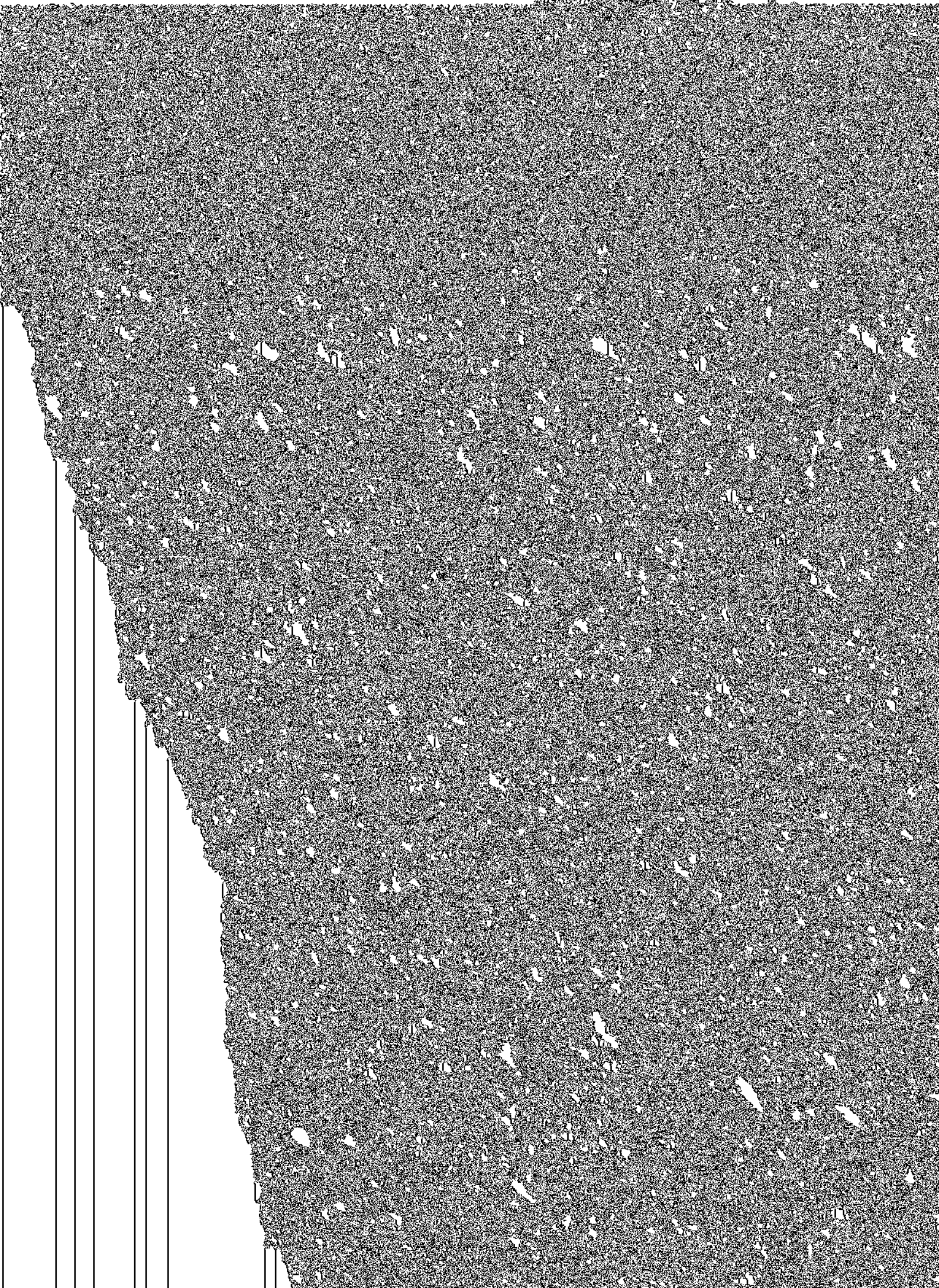


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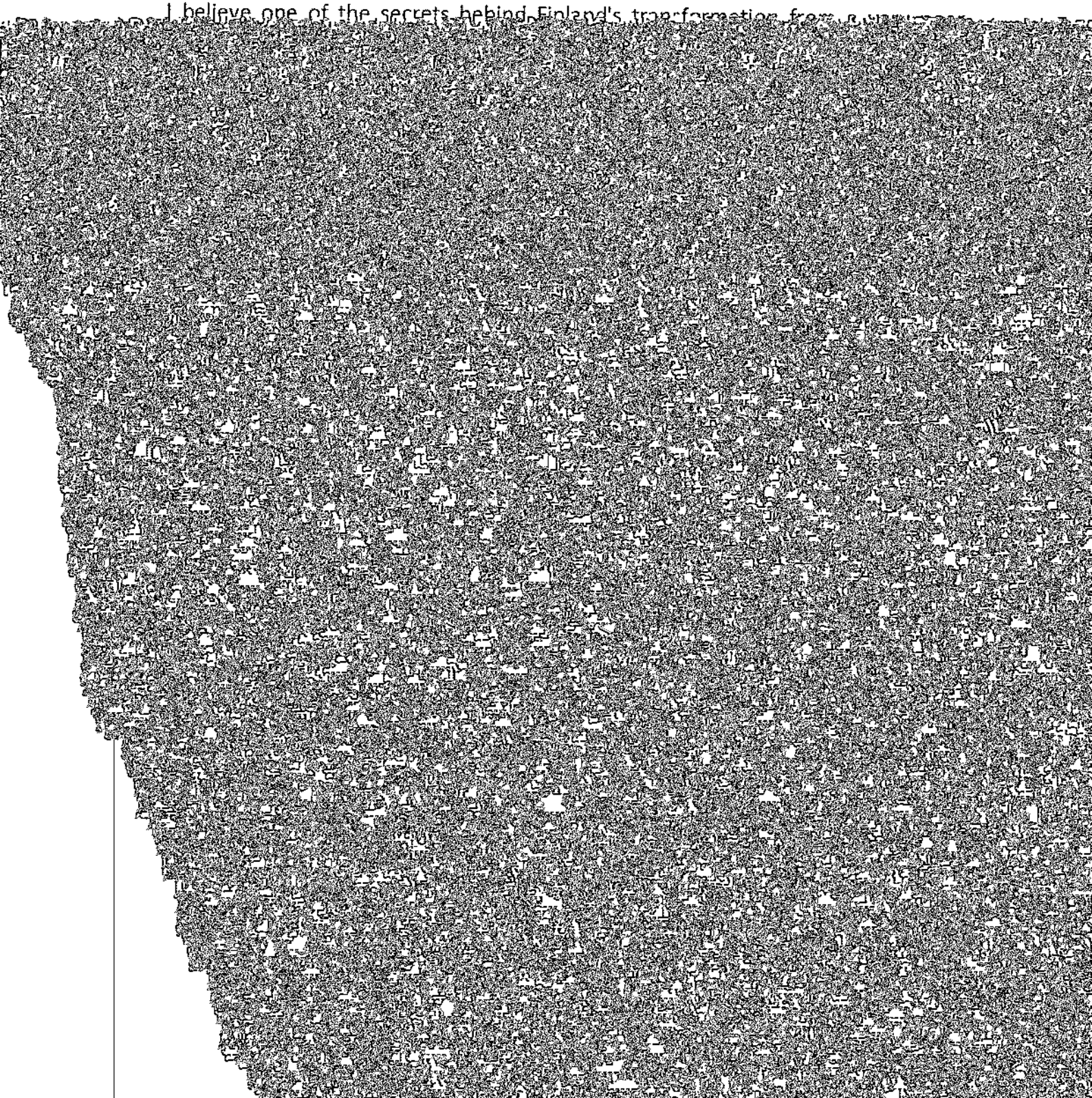
Each nation bears the responsibility for its own sustainable development and, ultimately, also for the means to drive development. This does not mean countries should be left alone with their challenges.

Finland remains committed to improving the living conditions and rights of the poorest and most vulnerable. We will honor our ODA commitments, including the target to reverse the declining trend of ODA to Least Developed Countries.



education, economic opportunities and political decision making. Women's and men's equal access to assets is one of the key issues for their empowerment and their country's economic development. This is where there are still severe gaps between women and men universally, especially with access to land. Equal inheritance, ownership and tenure laws as well as their implementation are important for economic development and for social stability.

I believe one of the secrets behind Finland's transformation from a war-torn



Let us also work together to create the right environment for responsible
business

