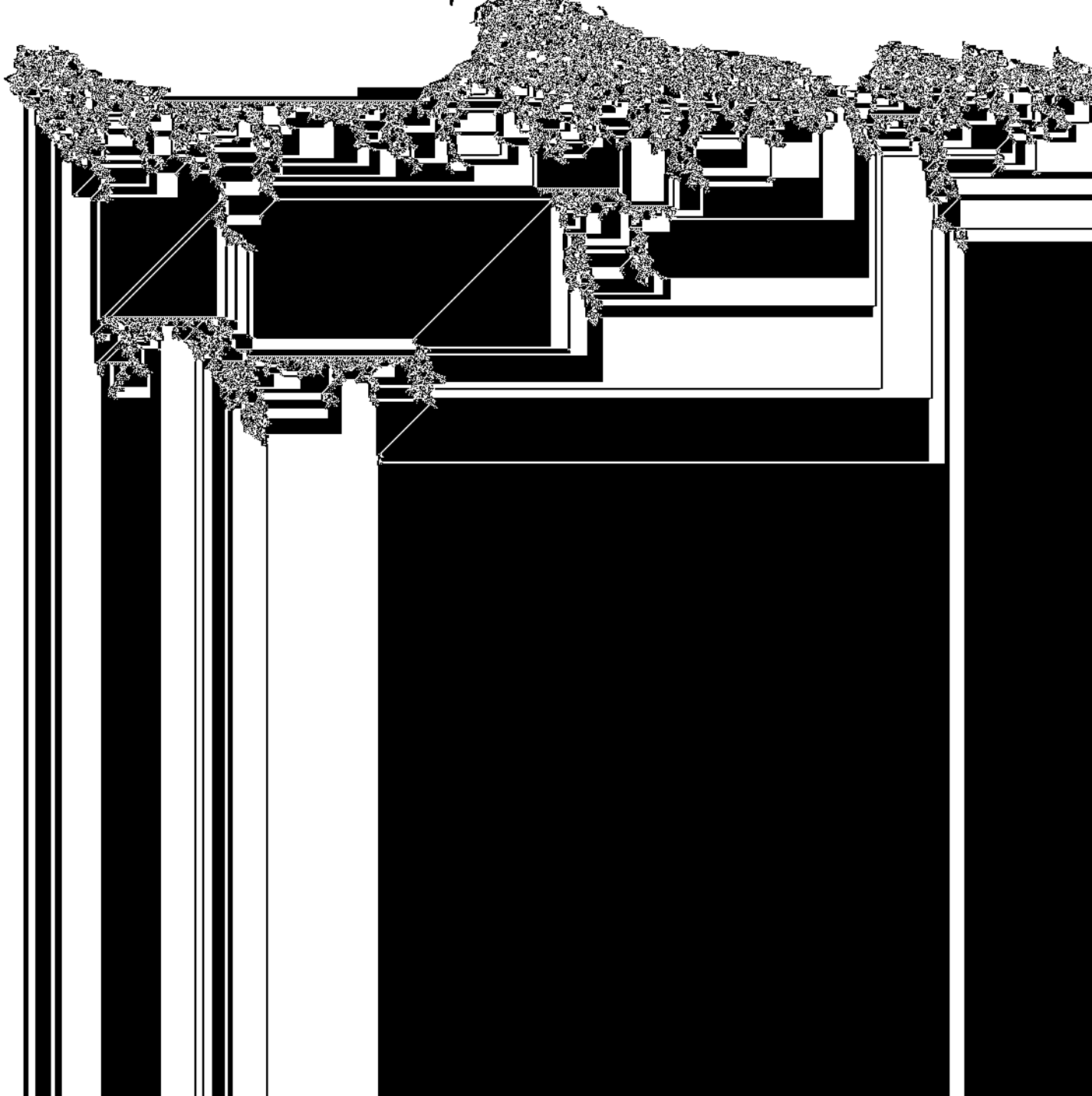




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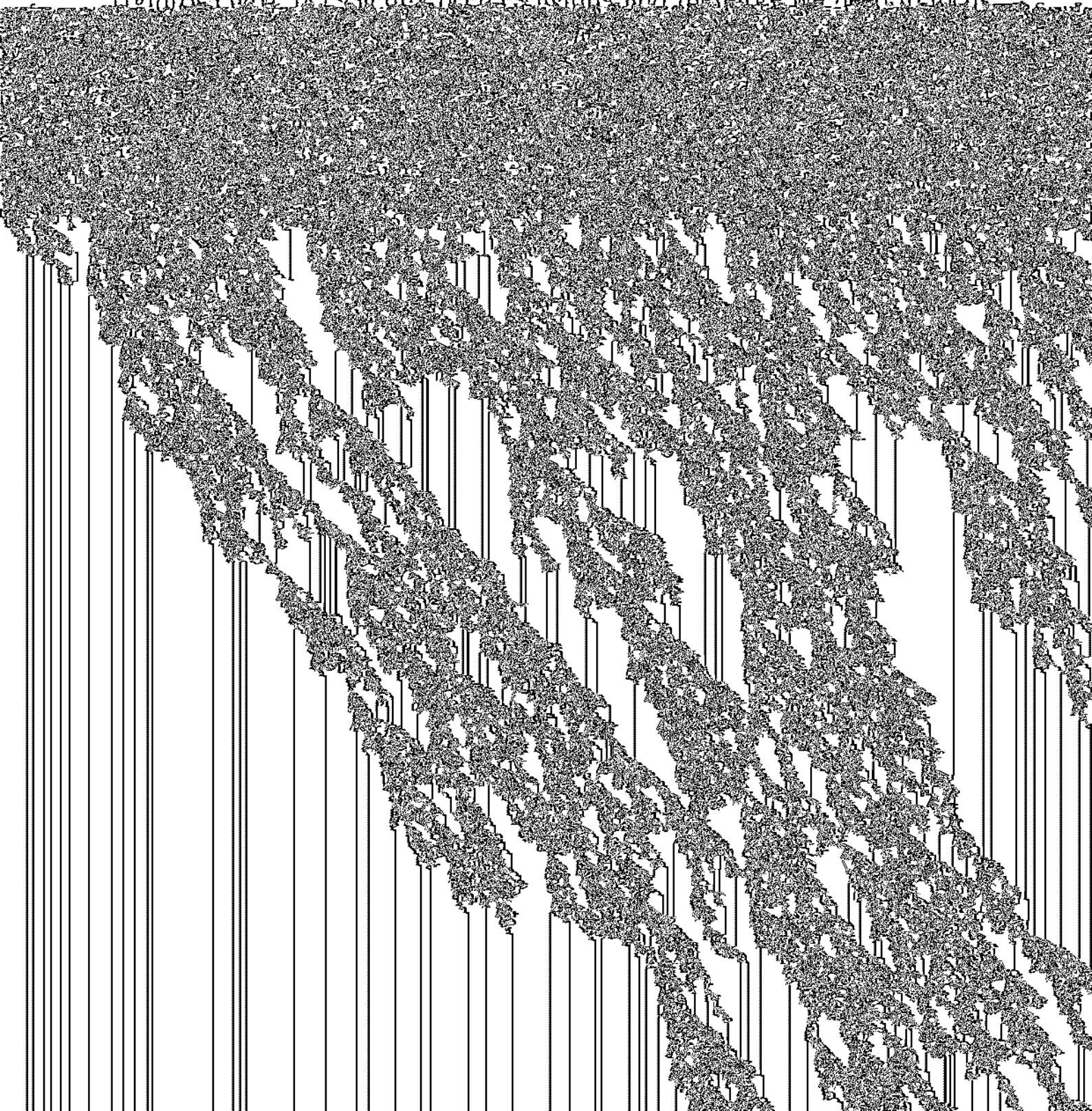
*Mr. President,  
Excellencies, Heads of States Present  
Honourable Ministers,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.*

Allow me to begin by joining other delegates in congratulating you, Mr. President for convening the Third International Conference on Financing for

Development. I would like to congratulate you on the fact that you

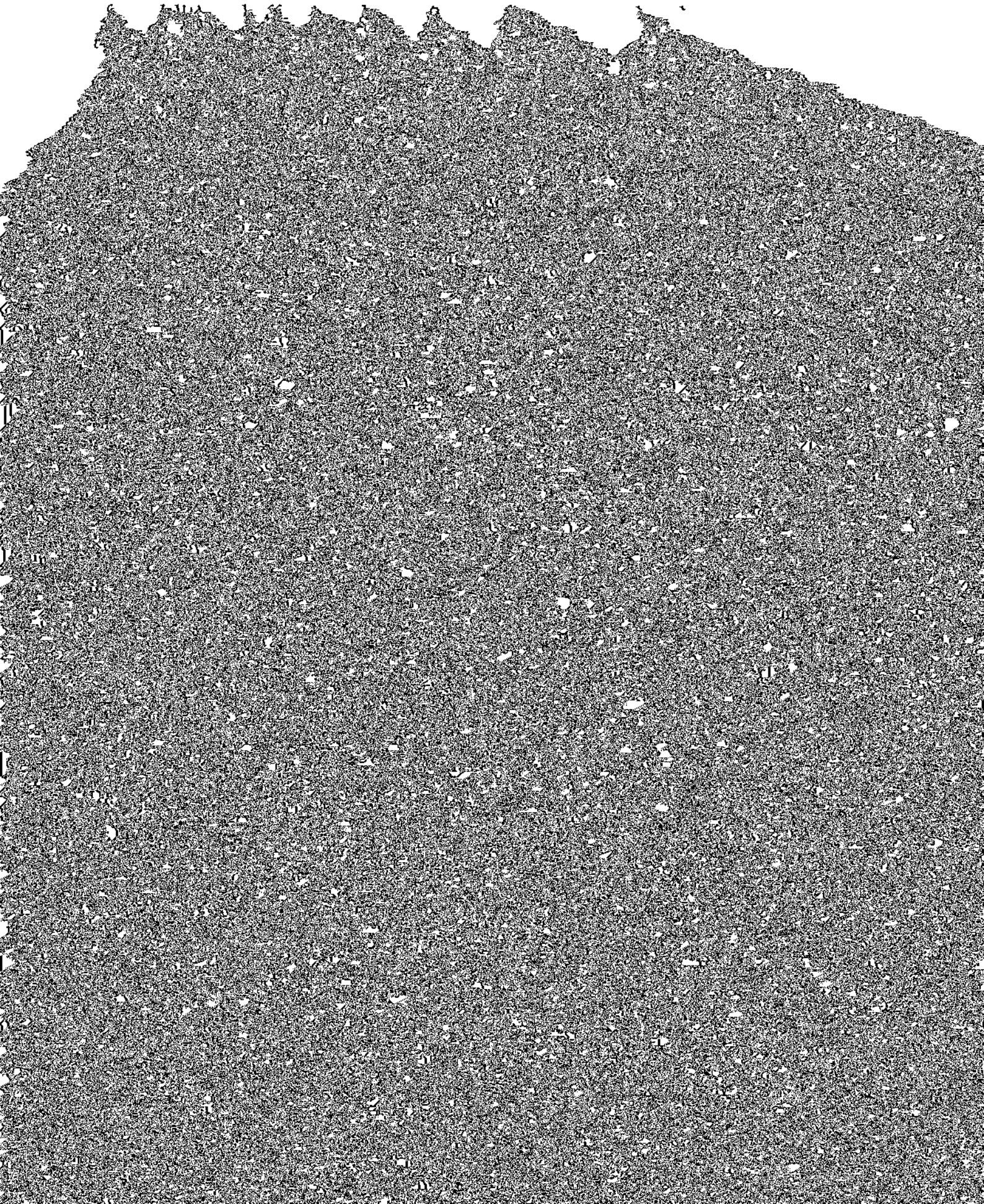
## Excellencies,

Since the Doha declaration, many countries in the world have witnessed appreciable social and economic gains. Despite these gains, many countries especially developing countries still face considerable challenges particularly in transforming the impressive economic growth rates into tangible human development outcomes. Inequalities among and within countries have persistently been escalating and therefore we need to focus





that ODA alone cannot be the panacea to resolving the problem of inadequate resources. We have to be more ingenious in broadening the base





**Mr. President,**

Robust tax administration is an indispensable solution to development financing. Against this backdrop, Zambia has been implementing reforms that are aimed at improving tax revenue mobilization, which on the International Level, includes fostering bilateral cooperation to strengthen tax administration and low compliance costs. Other specific measures taken include the introduction of online payment systems for taxes, construction of "One-Stop-Border Posts" and improving the capacity of the Revenue Authority. Although these and other measures are essential for enhanced tax collection, they are not comprehensively sufficient to enable the country





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