



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**



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Madame Chair

Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations

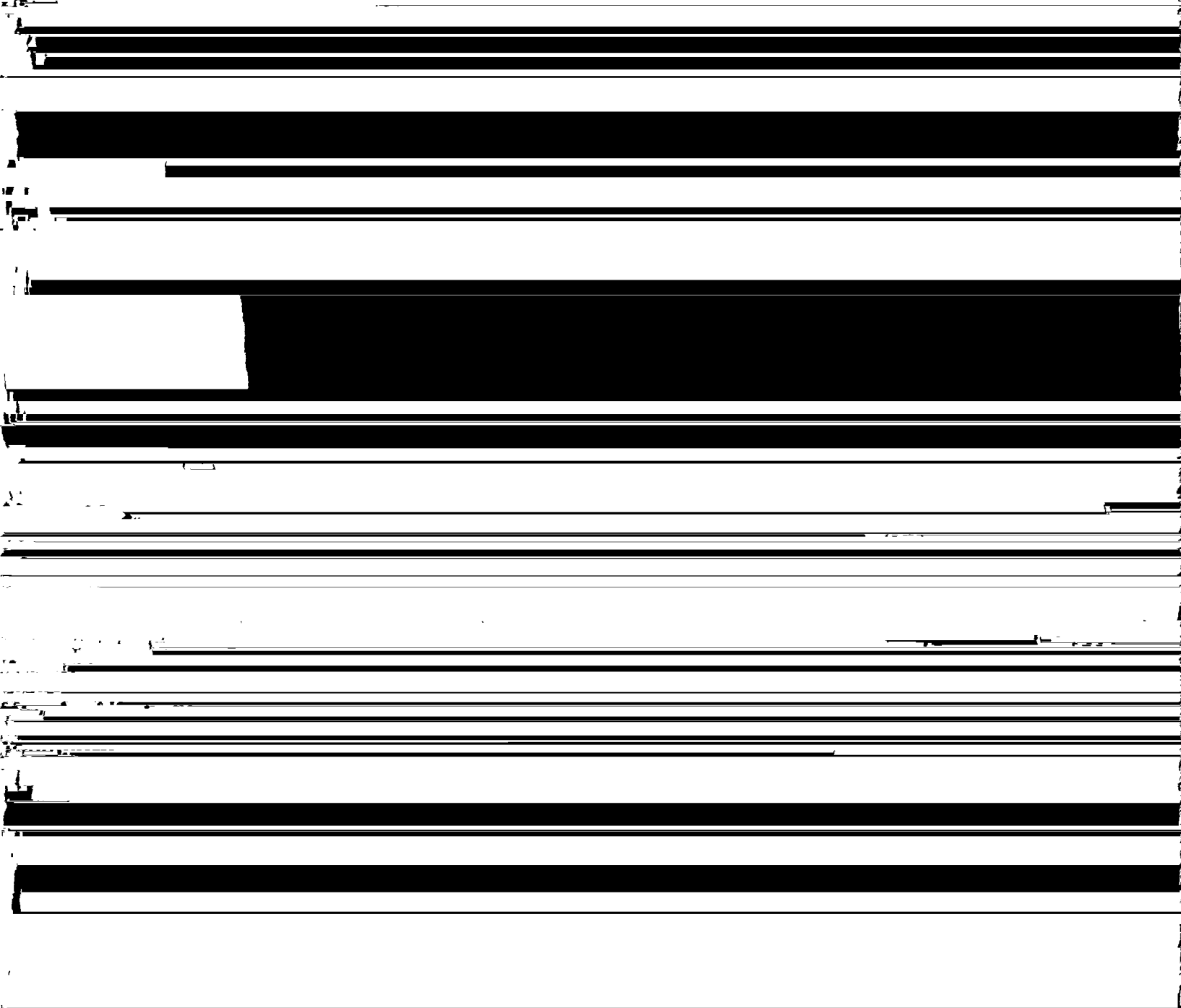
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

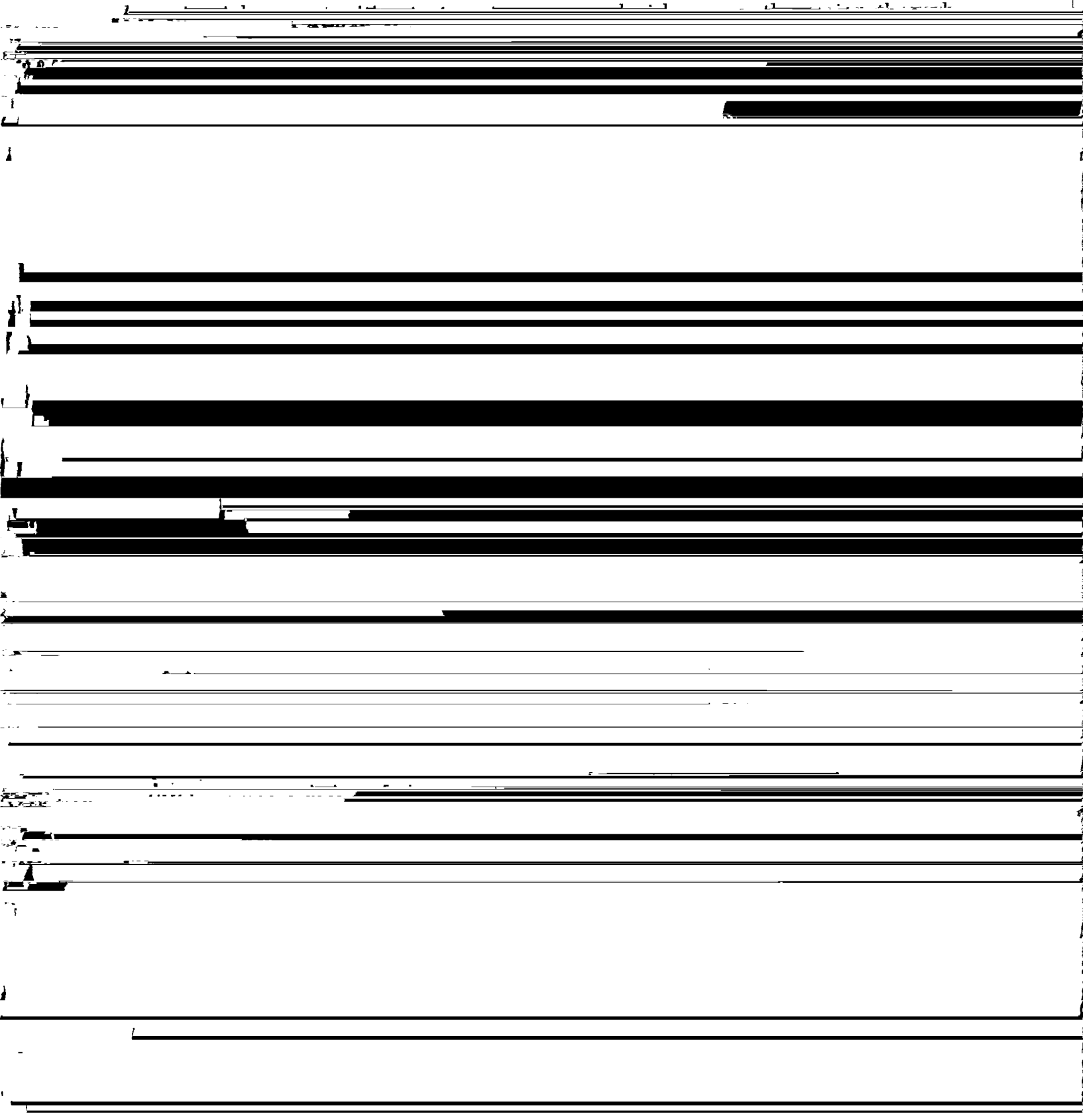
I am pleased to speak on behalf of the Member States of the



achievements made in the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. In March 2012, on the occasion of International Women's Day, the

of our Community make to the stability and development of the region, and called for a recommitment of all our efforts to improve equality, justice and peace for all. However, in reaffirming our longstanding commitment to the Beijing Declaration

strategic action and multilayered interventions by all of us. The trafficking of humans for sexual or labour exploitation is also a growing concern for CARICOM Member States as the victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking are predominantly young women and girls. Traffickers now routinely use the lure of



"Over the Day" continues to raise awareness about the issue of violence against

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one of its Strategic areas, *Crime Prevention*, to be addressed through the CARICOM Social Development and Crime Prevention Action Plan. COHSOD and the Council for National Security and Law enforcement will collaborate on the roll out of this Strategy.