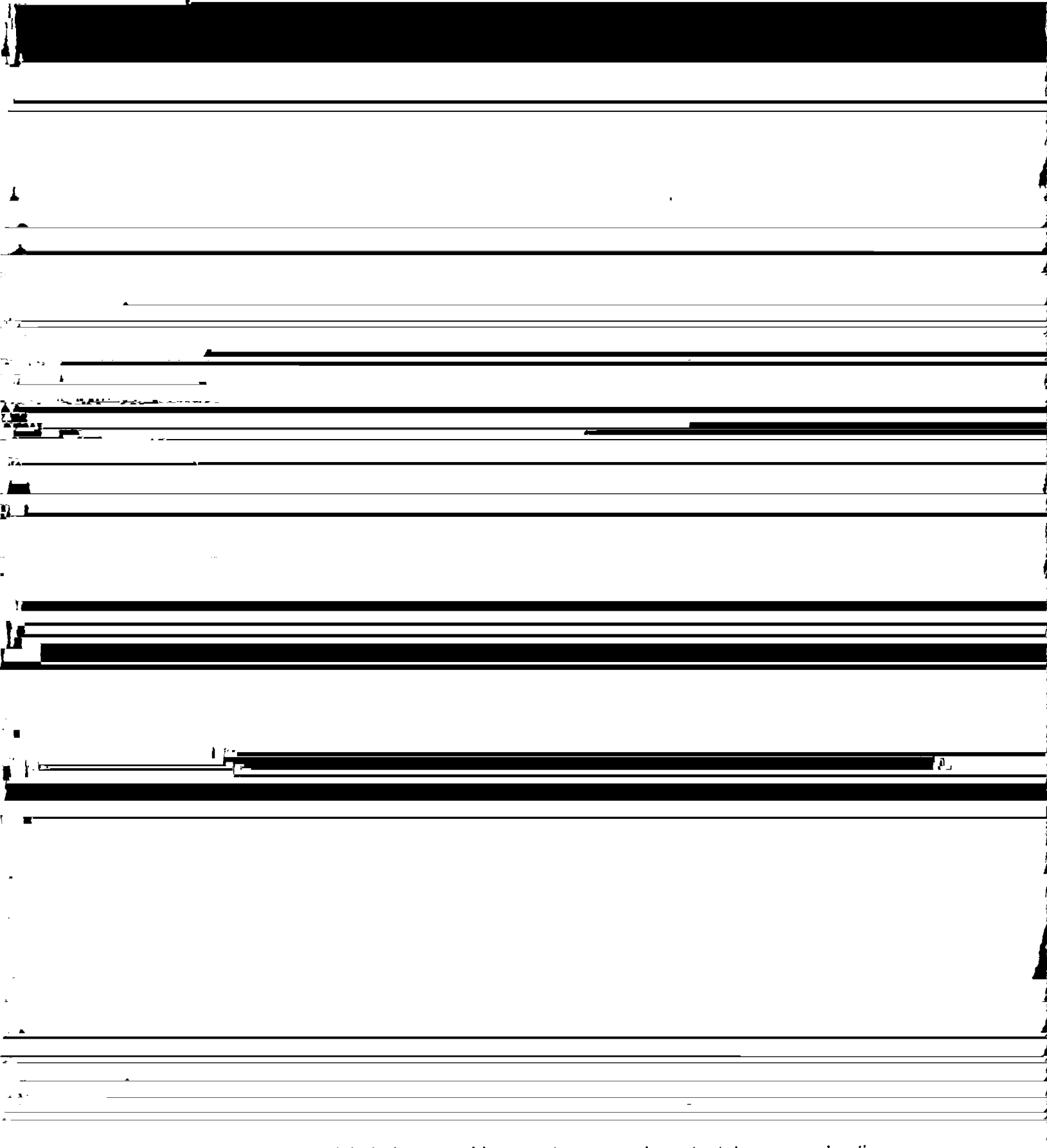




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Chairperson, distinguished delegates

Thank you for the opportunity to address this very important session of the Commission



In discussing the movement of people, our deliberations should centre around three sets of issues: the development potential offered by migration, respecting the human

rights of people who migrate, and the UN's development agenda.

Firstly, the world that we live in today offers great opportunities for human resource development, skills and knowledge transfer, trade and enhanced income distribution

between countries. These opportunities will only translate into development if all people can gain meaningful access to them. However, the persistence of inequality within and

migrant communities. Often migrants are denied the sexual and reproductive rights that

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