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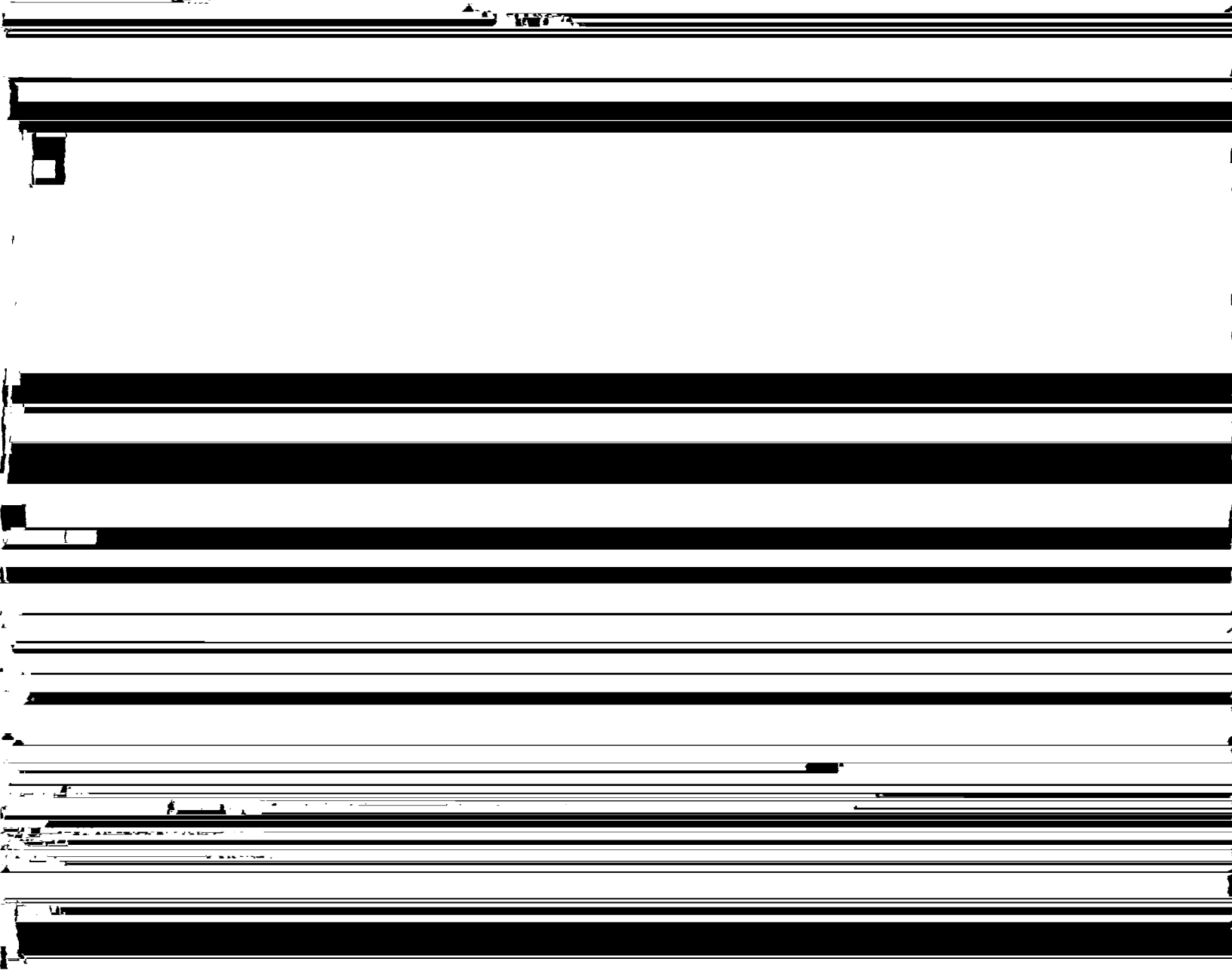
Committee has requested 20 States parties with long-overdue initial reports to submit their reports by a specified date. Failing receipt of the reports within the suggested time-frame, and as a last resort, the Committee will proceed with consideration of the implementation of the Convention in the States parties concerned in the absence of a report. As a result of this initiative, six of the States concerned have submitted their reports. Also, for the first time, at its forty-third session, the Committee considered the

presence of a delegation.

The Committee has worked hard to make its concluding observations more concrete and

of Women of Concern to UNHCR" currently scheduled to be held in New York in July 2009.

During its past sessions, the ILO, IOM, UNHCR and the Inter-Parliamentary Union have met with the Committee and provided information relevant to various areas of its work. The Committee has also begun the practice, implemented by most other treaty bodies, of meeting with national human rights institutions. In this regard, I wish to remind distinguished delegates that at its fortieth session, the Committee adopted a statement emphasizing the important role played by national human rights institutions.



Distinguished delegates,

In concluding, I would like to remind the Commission that this year is a great opportunity to emphasize the importance of full implementation of the Convention and the steps that have been made to achieve elimination of discrimination and equality of women and men as we celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention and the tenth anniversary of the adoption of its Optional Protocol. I know that a number of high

profile events are being planned to celebrate these important anniversaries and I

