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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation commends you for the efficient manner you have been conducting the affairs of this meeting and we are grateful to the Secretary-

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sub-topic for our debate on this agenda item this year. In this regard, Nigeria aligns itself with the Statement earlier delivered by the distinguished representative of Algeria on behalf of the African Group.

Mr. Chairman,

4. My delegation commends the UN Secretary-General for placing a high

~~priority on the subject of law and making it a matter of system-wide~~

coordination. We also like to re-echo some of the words of the Deputy Secretary-General on this agenda item. We share her views that the essence of Sustainable Development Goal 16 and its specific targets to promote the rule of law and ensure equal access to justice for all was "not only a self-evident objective, it was also catalytic to all the Goals." Undoubtedly, the rule of law must also focus on addressing issues such as climate change, migration, and violence against women and girls. Our deliberations on this agenda item is equally relevant in the area of peace operations, especially by examining how to measure progress on the UN's

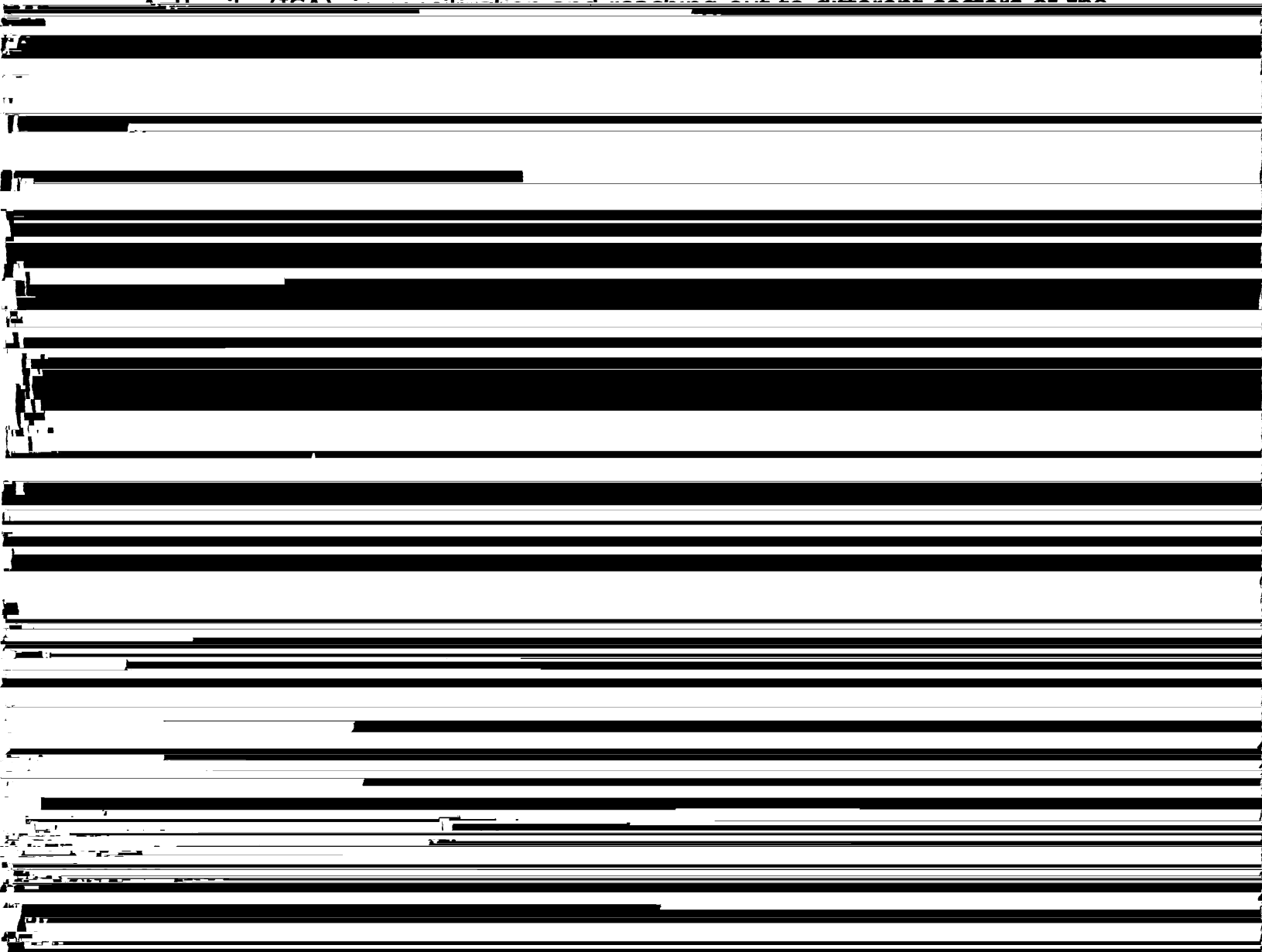
considerably to the strengthening of international peace and security and in promoting friendly relations and cooperation among States.

Mr. Chairman,

... the United Nations Charter on the World, ... the use of the

principles of the rule of law. It is encouraging that the United Nations organized its second training course on promoting marine scientific research with the participation of government officials and scientists from the Caribbean region.

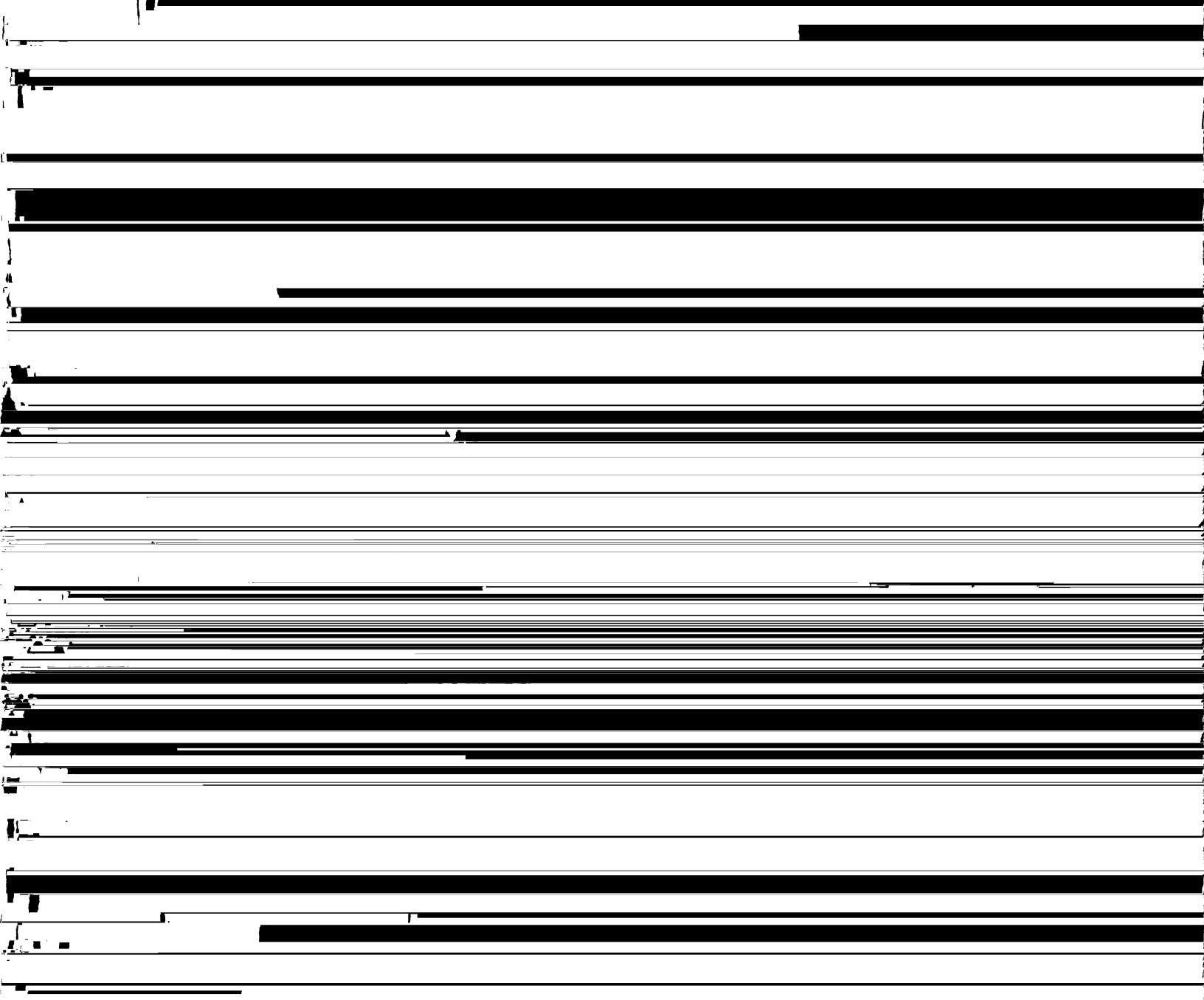
9. However, my delegation observed the need for the UN bodies whose mandates relate to Law of the Sea to work more closely with the UN Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law. In particular, we call on the facilitators of the Programme to assist bodies such as the International Seabed Authority (ISA) in identifying and reaching out to different sectors of the



these and other germane reasons, the promotion of the rule of law at the national and international levels should be a shared responsibility by all.

Mr. Chairman,

11. For us in Nigeria, the rule of law is a fundamental article in our national jurisprudence and it is a pivotal principle of governance. We practice it. We are deeply committed to it. We promote it relentlessly and



Mr. Chairman,

13. My delegation wishes to reaffirm its support to the Declaration adopted at the General Assembly of 2010...

law. In this connection, we also like to underline the need for national ownership in every effort aimed at strengthening national capacities of Member States in the promotion of the rule of law as well as in providing technical assistance and capacity-building towards that end. We call on UN Member States to renew their commitment to respect and defend the UN