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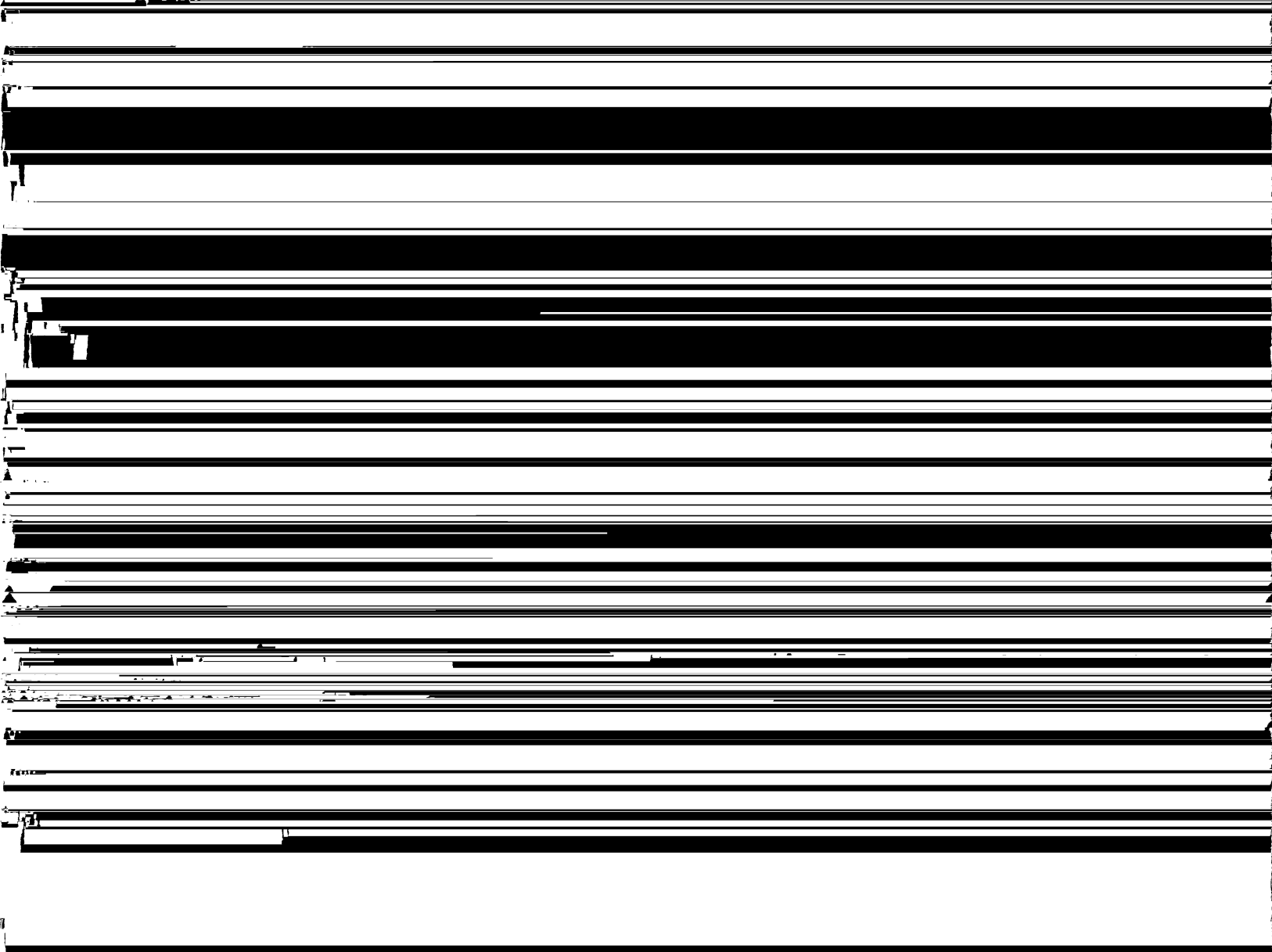
**ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM"**

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On the first parameter, the absolute urgency of creating robust regional and global mechanisms of coordination; the establishment and consolidation of suitable coalitions that encompass all stakeholder countries is critical. These are broadly speaking, flexible architectures of defense cooperation that can be created to combat specific threats. This means that they will be of limited in geographic and temporal terms. But above and beyond these specific coalitions, the scope of continuous exchange of information, coordination and experiences must be enlarged in terms of participant countries and frequency of interactions.

Eritrea fully subscribes to these policy precepts and approaches. In the new congenial climate of regional cooperation, Eritrea is already pursuing these objectives with added vigor and urgency. Both in bilateral and trilateral Summits that Eritrea has held with its neighbors in the Horn of Africa in the past year, these issues were broached fully with the aim of refining mechanisms for effective cooperation and coordination.

In addressing underlying causes, Eritrea's two proposed approaches have revolved around the



In this regard, there is a need to scale up the activities of the United Nations in the area of strengthening the capacity of member states to combat terrorism and their obligations under the global, continental and national levels, through the provision of operational and technical support.

In conclusion, Mr. Chair, Eritrea wishes to stress the need to create a narrative of hope as opposed to the narrative of extremism and terrorism. Root causes of terrorism and radicalization such as poverty, social marginalization, and lack of access to resources and sense of injustice must be addressed. We must promote sustainable and inclusive development to effectively combat international terrorism. The challenges of terrorism and extremism cannot be underrated and the need for wide-ranging consultation, both at regional and international levels, remains too palpable to merit further emphasis.

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