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Chairperson,
Colleague Ministers,

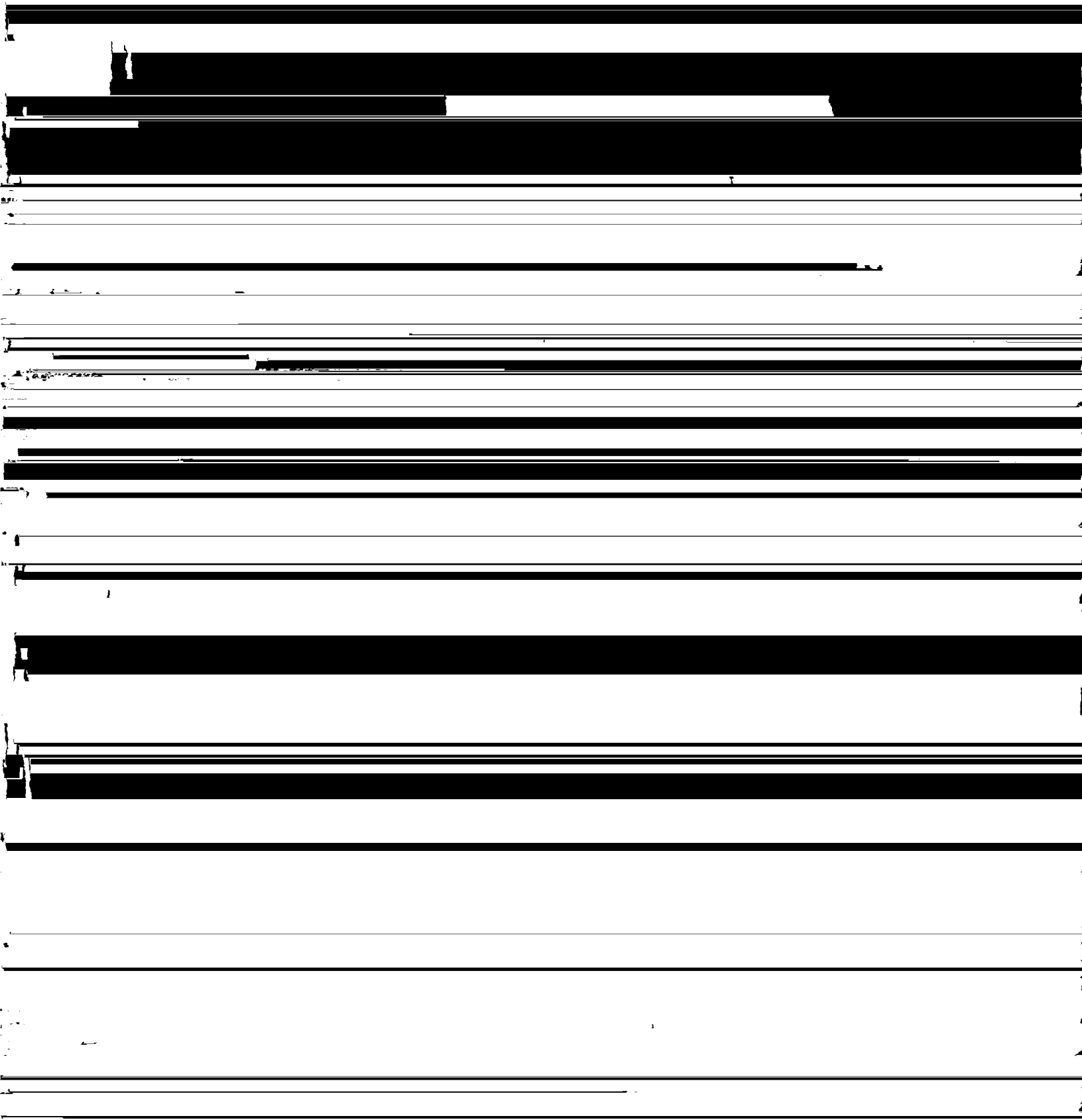
Chairperson,

Promoting equal sharing of responsibilities, including care responsibilities between women and men is a fundamental but challenging aspect of addressing gender equality. The unequal sharing of responsibilities in the private and public spheres has a significant

impact on women as well as men, their families, the economy and society as a whole. It has implications for equality of opportunity in accessing quality health care, in education

elements of gender mainstreaming enshrining in the Protocol on Gender and Development.

FAO has a long tradition to prohibit the unfair dismissal or denial of recruitment on the



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In our sub-region, despite the ongoing challenge of poverty in the region, women continue to make strides in economic participation.

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through critical partnerships between women and men, government, the private sector, the non-governmental sector and civil society, and the manner in which these