



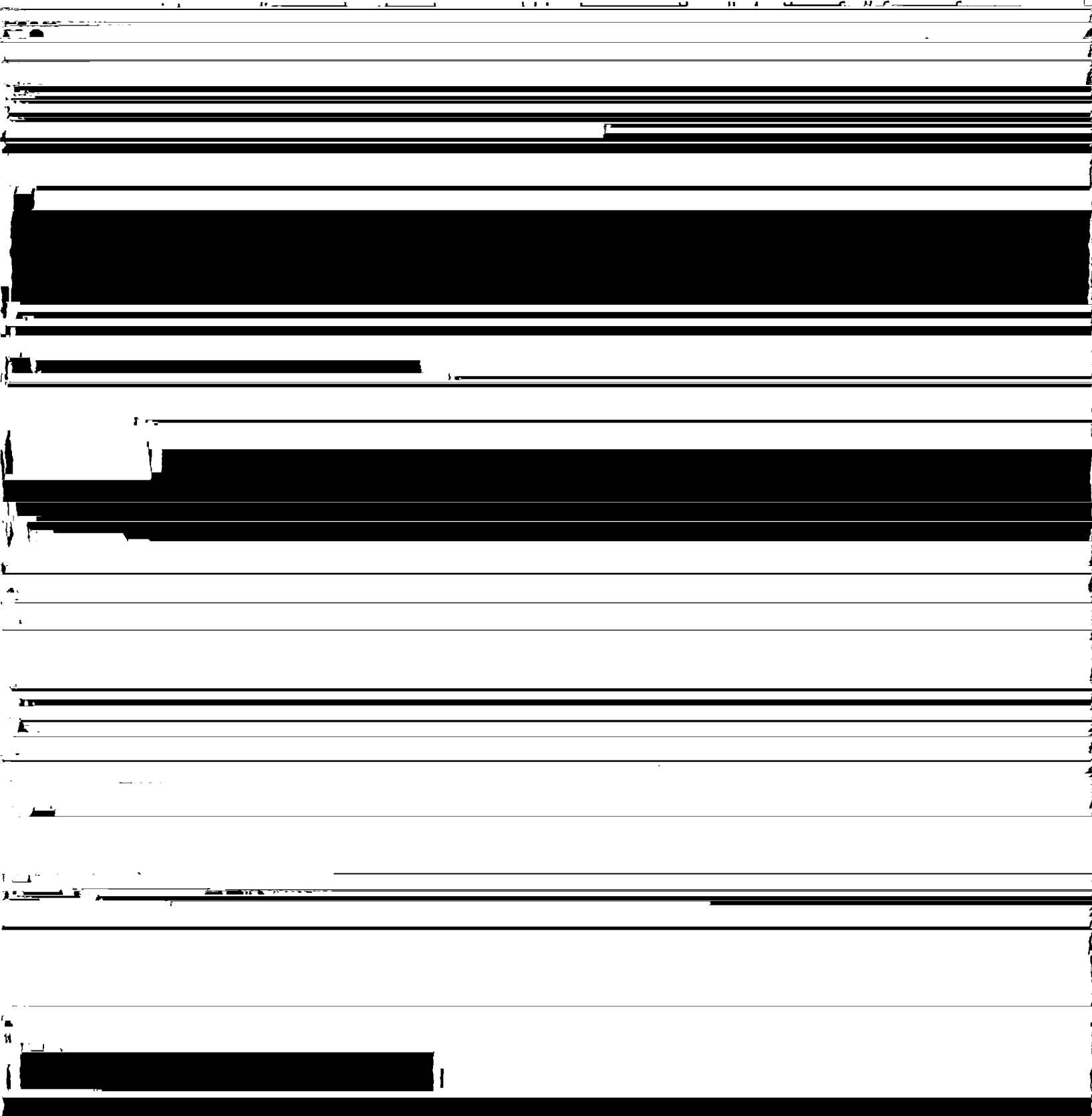
**Statement by H.E. Mme Khempheng PHOLSENA**  
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**Chairperson of the Lao National Commission for the Advancement of Women**  
**At the Fifty-Seventh Session of the Commission on the Status of Women**

**New York, 06 March 2013**

Madam Chairperson,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great honor and privilege for me to represent the Government of the Lao PDR at the 57<sup>th</sup> session of the CSW which is dedicated this year to the Elimination and Prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls – a theme high on the agenda of the Government in our quest for equality, justice and sustainable growth

general governance or what we also call 'advocacy' meaning: participation, representation, information, communication aimed at changing the mindset in the



- (2) Prosecution of perpetrators and offenders with focus on capacity development for police officers and the judicial country wide and the strengthening of the justice system.
- (3) Support to victims- with a hotline and counseling centers for victims of violence and human trafficking.

Madam Chair,

Women's participation at the political level for us is an overarching priority. Much progress has been achieved in recent years with one quarter approximately of our National Assembly members composed of women. And the increasing involvement of women in government and local administration at all levels

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To address these new challenges, we need a strong governance setting that emphasizes the advancement of women and gender equality by improving access to justice for women. to resources. funds. technology. markets and public services in order