

**Fifty-seventh Session of the United Nations Commission on
the Status of Women**

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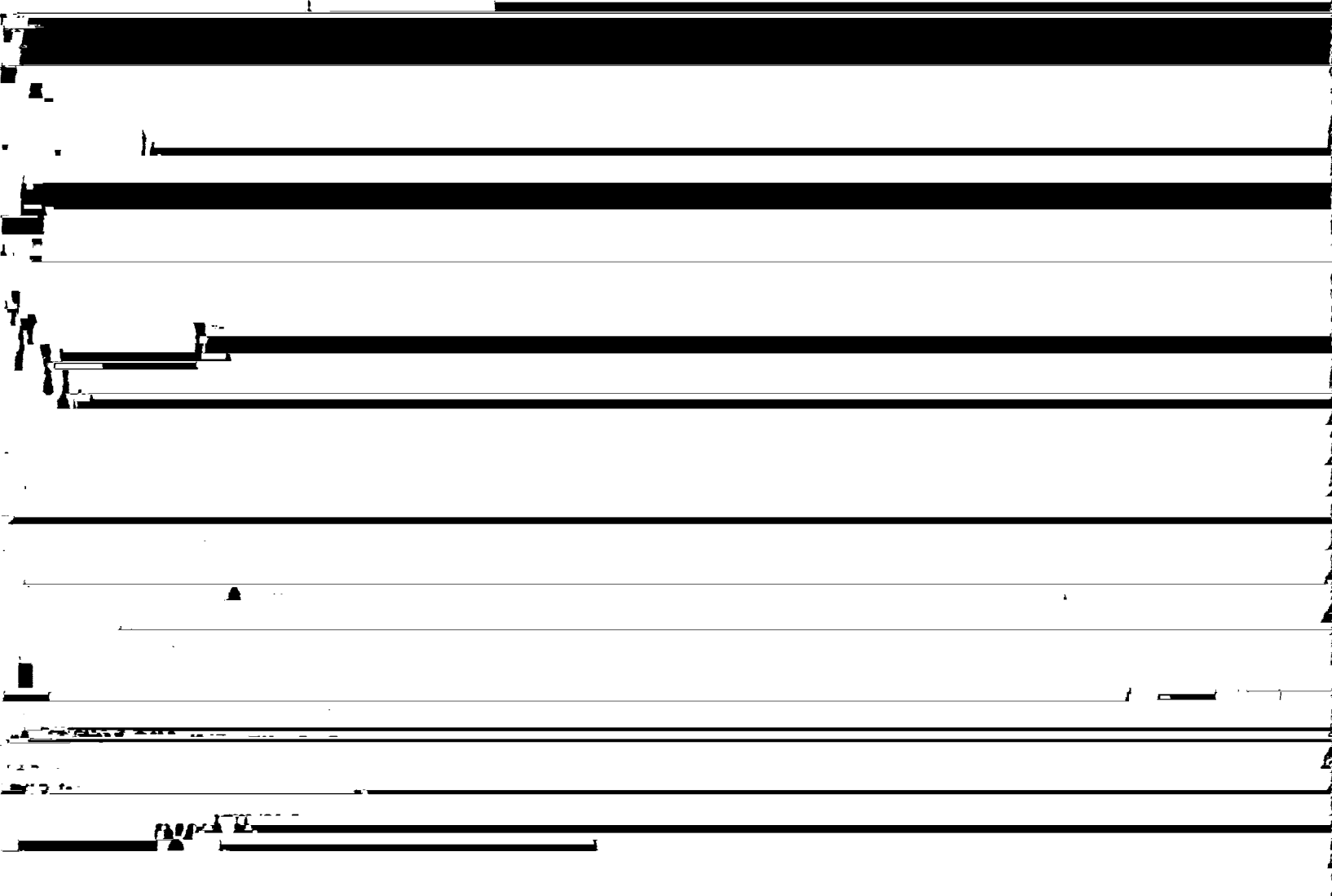
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7/20/2020 We are now working to respond to the recommendations

Today, I'm pleased to announce that we have added our voice

covers protection of and support for victims, and accountability of offenders. We continue to improve this framework by, for instance, expanding the legal definition of domestic violence to include economic abuse. We have also announced a new restraining order that will reduce the likelihood of victims of serious violent or sexual crimes having unwanted contact with their attackers once they are released from prison.

Communities are integral to successfully addressing violence against women and girls. Since 2005, government and non



New Zealand has taken a leadership role in the Pacific through the Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Programme – a joint initiative of the New Zealand Government, New Zealand Police, and the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police. It focuses primarily on