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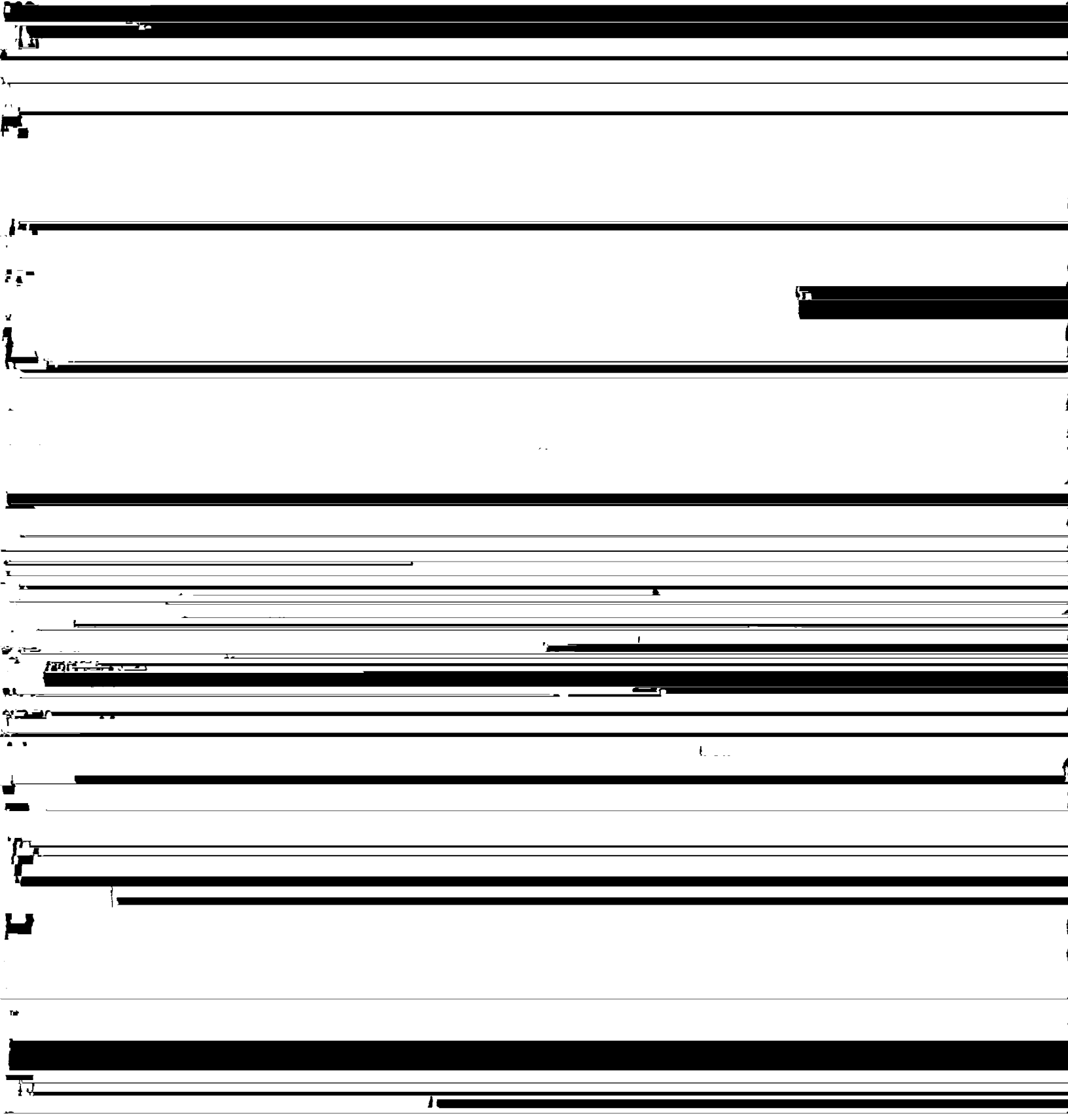
We thank you for continuing to steer the affairs of this committee. We reiterate our unequivocal support to you and the entire bureau and we believe that your excellent stewardship will lead us to a successful conclusion of our deliberations. My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda

We thank the secretary general for his useful reports and insights submitted under this

agenda item. The recommendations contained therein, certainly, serve as a wake-up call that we are not doing enough or we are moving rather slowly in our continued efforts to achieve our goals.

It is now settled that women form an integral part of the society and are critical agents

into prostitution, a life of servitude or as objects of pleasure. They proposed a new course of action that we have been peripherally been dealing with over the past sessions. They proposed that we immediately commence deliberations on putting in _____ to _____ in order to address the multifaceted dimensions of this



recruitment and promotions be reserved for women and the partnership with UNIFEM and other organizations are bearing fruits. Not surprisingly, the current National Assembly has 19 women members of parliament; the highest number since independence.

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Let me touch on the subject of the on-going collective efforts to reform the United Nations and the gender architecture in particular. Towards the end of the 62nd Session, the General Assembly made a bold move to adopt a resolution which included a general

