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**STATEMENT**

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**ON**

**AGENDA ITEM 62: ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN**

**IN THE**

**THIRD COMMITTEE**

**DURING THE SIXTY-FOURTH SESSION  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

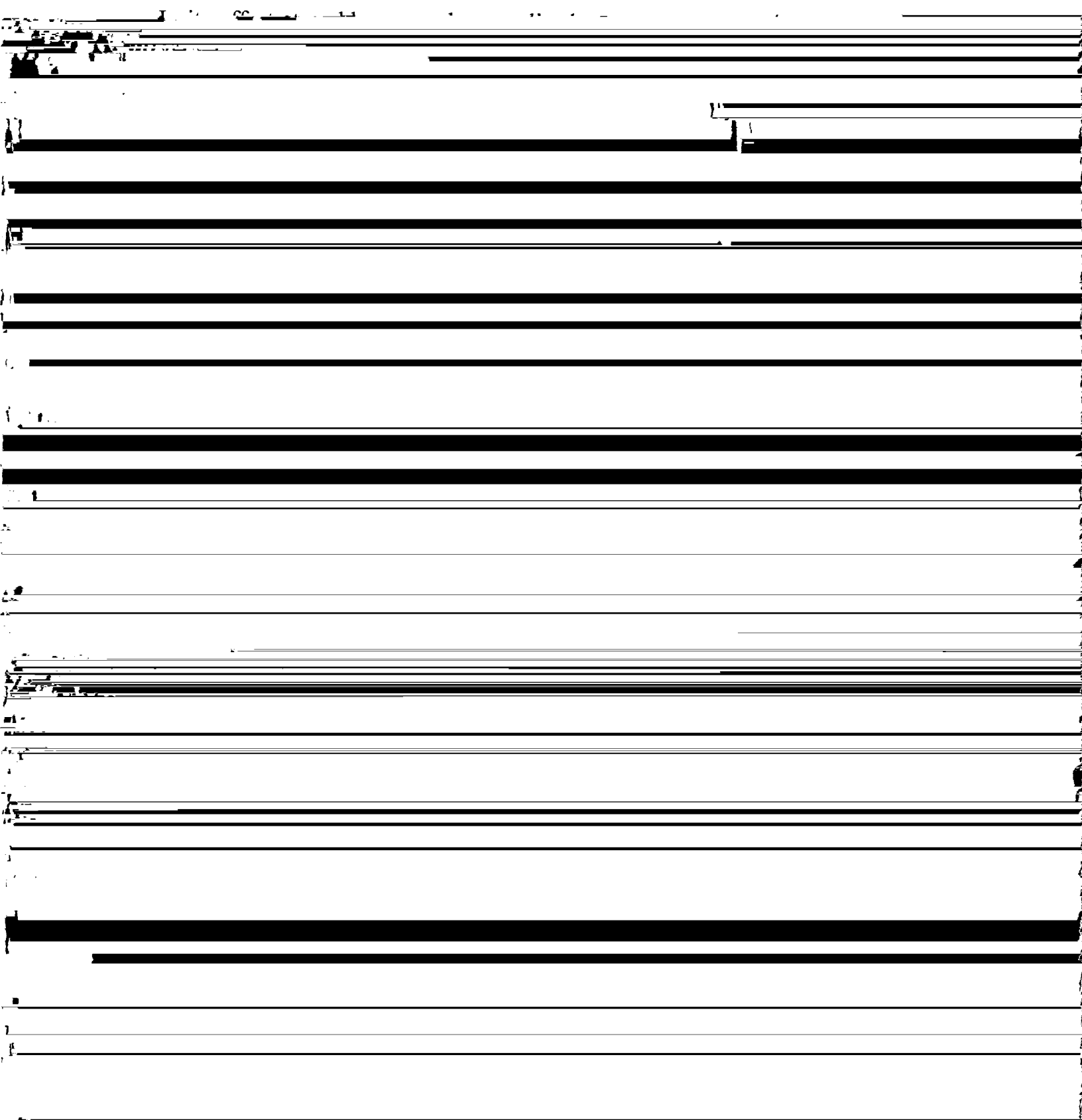
At the onset, let me congratulate you and other members of the Bureau on

your election. The manner by which you are steering the business of this  
Committee is exemplary. I assure you of my delegation's support.

My delegation aligns itself with the Statements delivered by the

increased punishment against people who deliberately expose others to HIV and AIDS. To this end, there has been a notable decrease in incidences of sexual offences.

**Mr. Chairman,**



heading households. The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, in partnership with its cooperating partners will continue to intensify its efforts towards the eradication of this scourge.

**Mr. Chairman,**

I wish to conclude by pointing out that the Government of the Kingdom of

Lesotho remains committed to gender equality and the advancement of women's rights. We are confident that the proceedings of this session will shed more light on how Member States can redouble their efforts for improving the lives of women.

**I thank you.**