

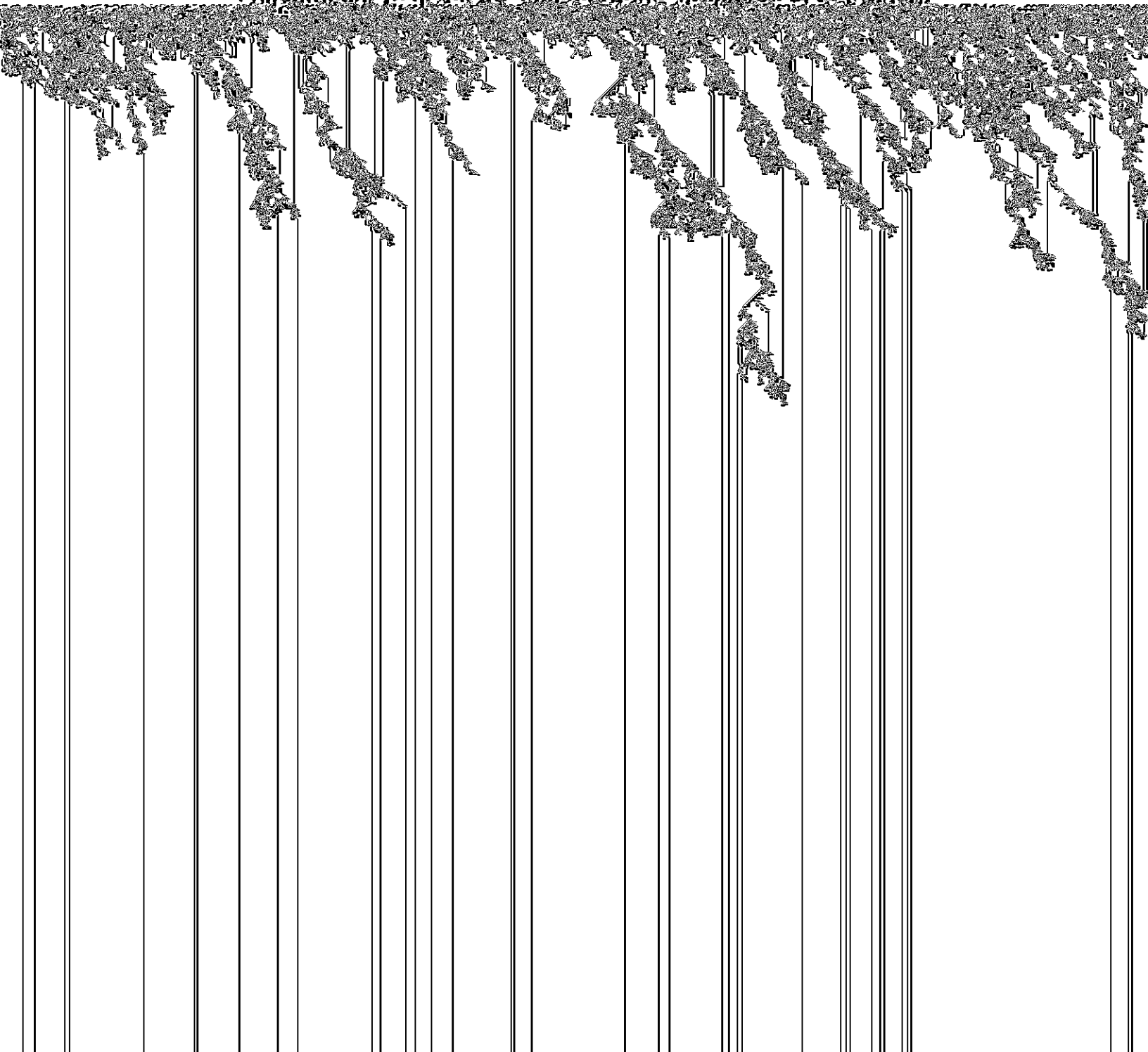
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FOURTH INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF COLONIALISM

Caribbean regional seminar on the implementation of the Fourth International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism: charting a dynamic course for decolonization in commencing the Fourth International Decade and in the light of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, through commitment to mandate, collaboration, pragmatism and equity



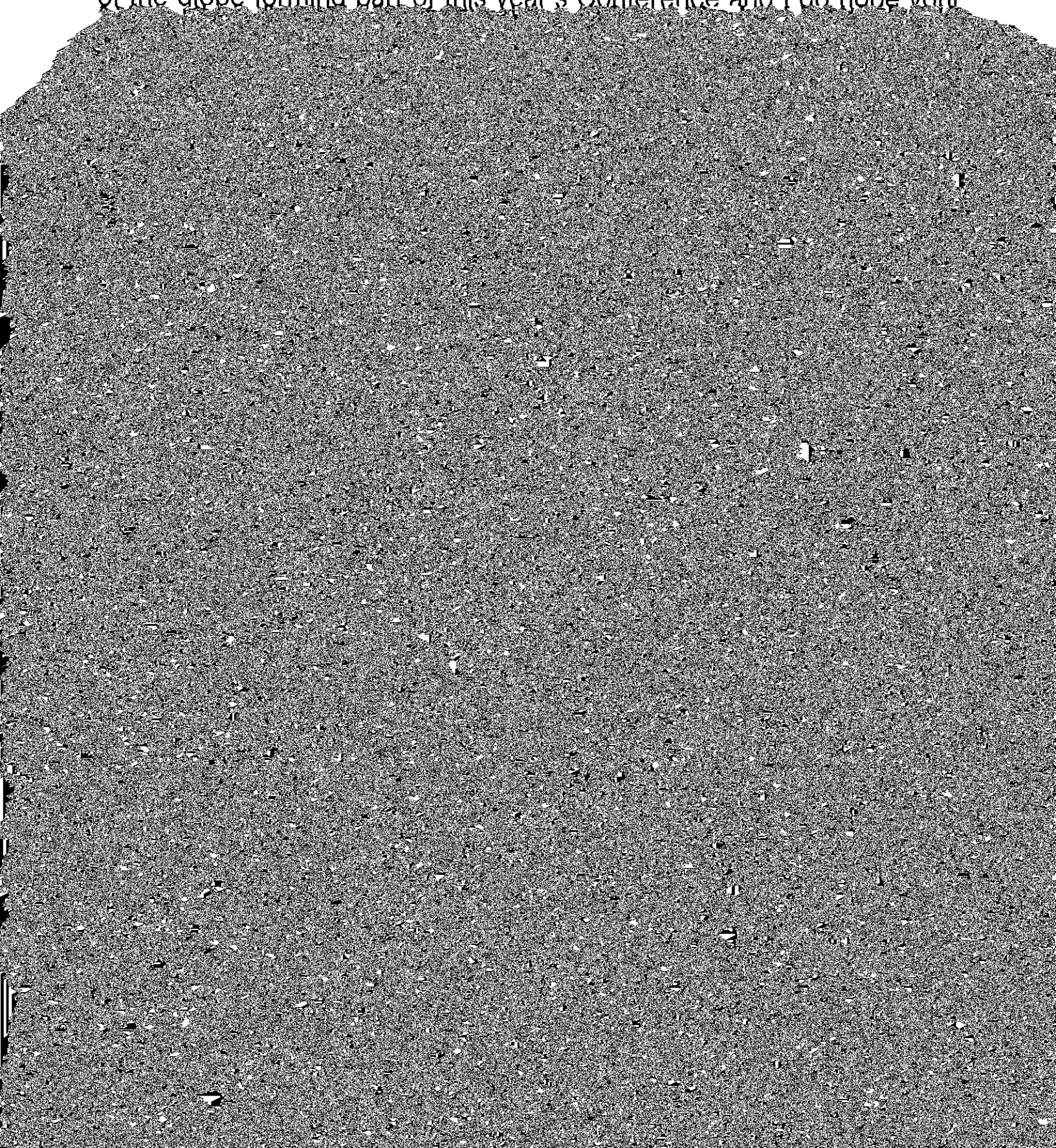


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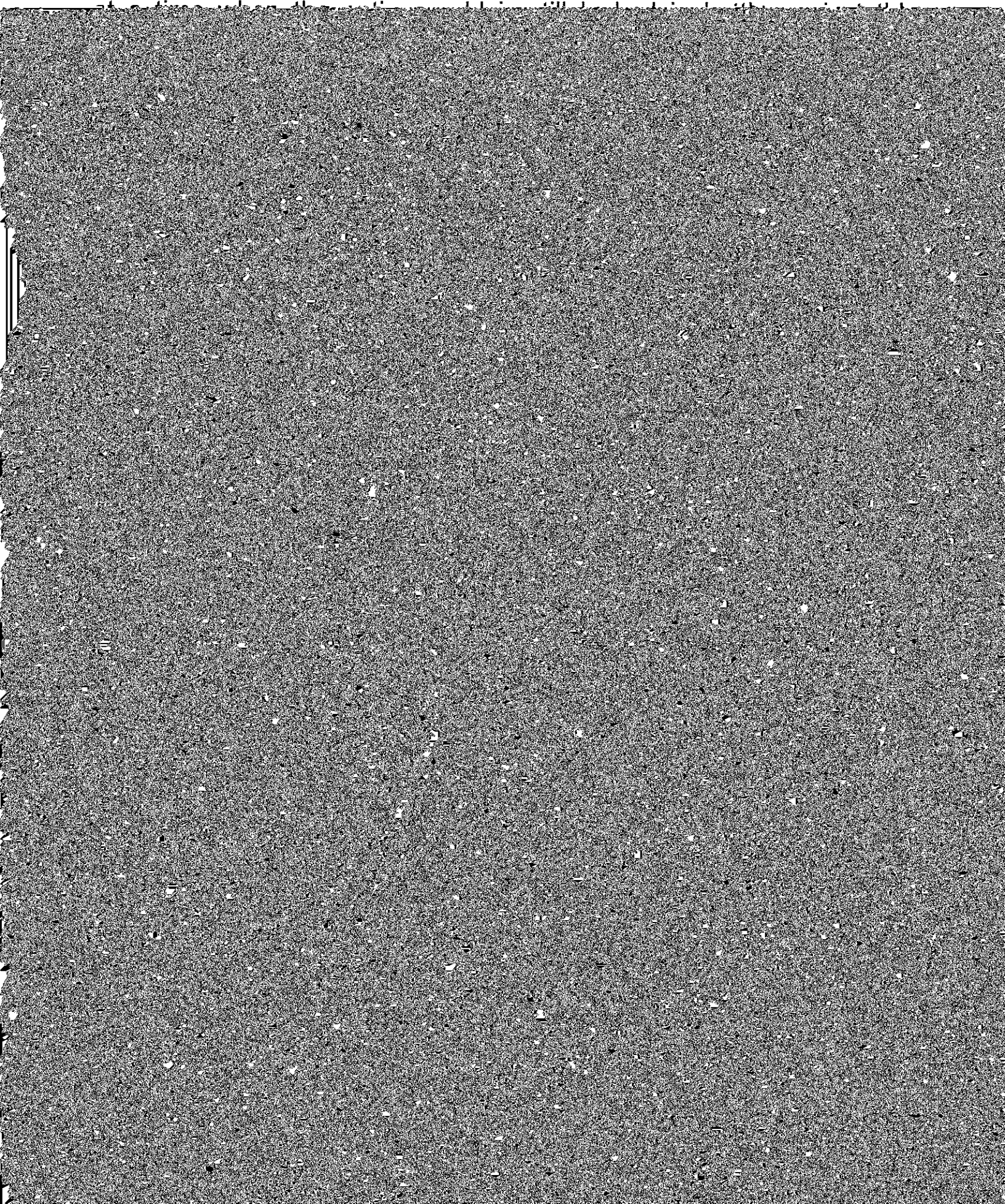
1. Chair of the C24 Committee – H. E. Ms. Kisha McGuire
2. Hon. Deputy Premiere of the BVI
3. Hon...Ministers.....

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Distinguished Delegates, notwithstanding all of the travel restrictions the world over, I am heartened to see representatives from a wide section of the globe forming part of this year's Conference and I do hope your

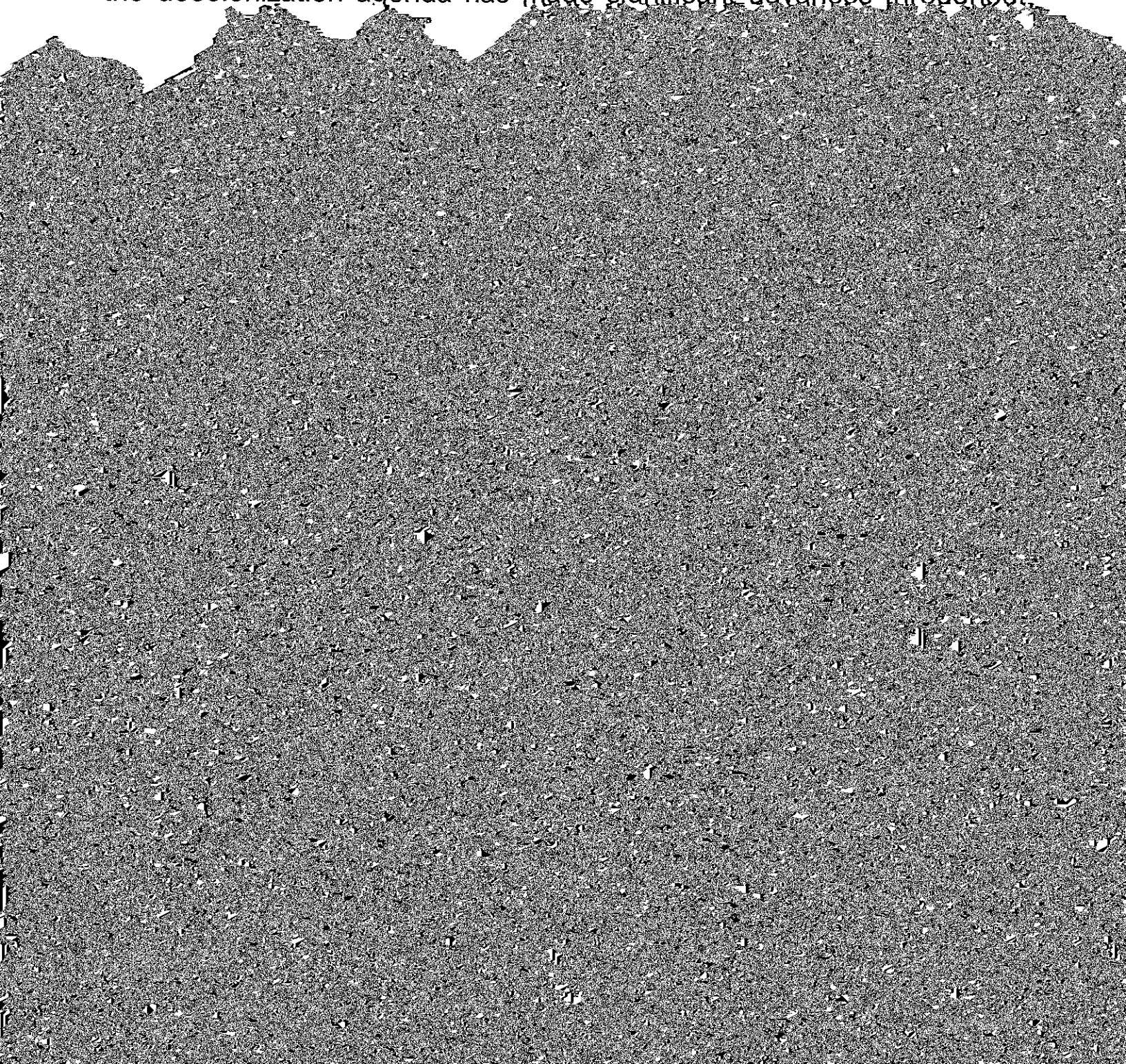


And speaking of COVID-19, unfortunately, this conference is happening

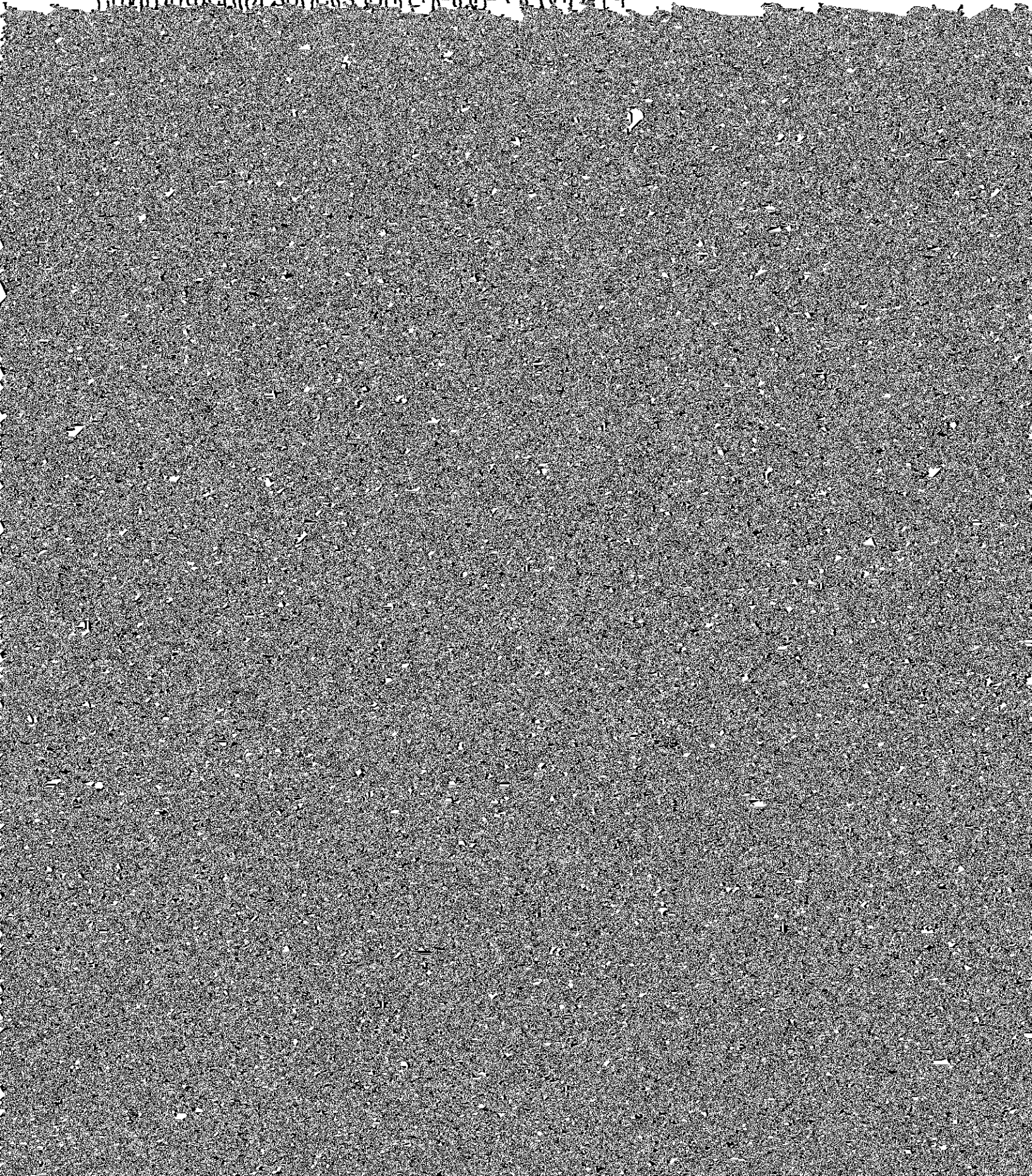


Distinguished guests, December 14, 2020, marked the sixtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, which was adopted as General Assembly Resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960.

Since the adoption of the Resolution by the General Assembly in 1960, the decolonization agenda has made significant advances throughout.



The effect of this pandemic is even more daunting for Small Island Developing States, some already overly exposed to economic and environmental shocks long before COVID-19.



It is my hope that this Conference will see renewed committed efforts and vision in the interest of colonized countries and people.

The Commonwealth of Dominica takes this opportunity to reaffirms its determination to continue to take all steps necessary to ensure the effective and full implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

