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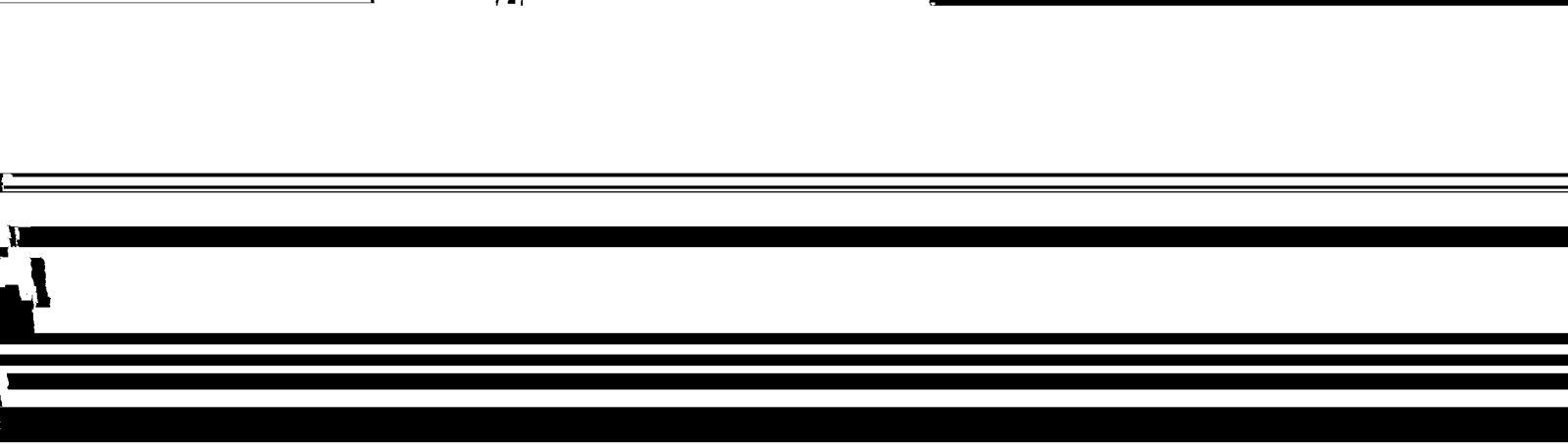
STATEMENT

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ON AGENDA ITEM 56: ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

BEFORE THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE



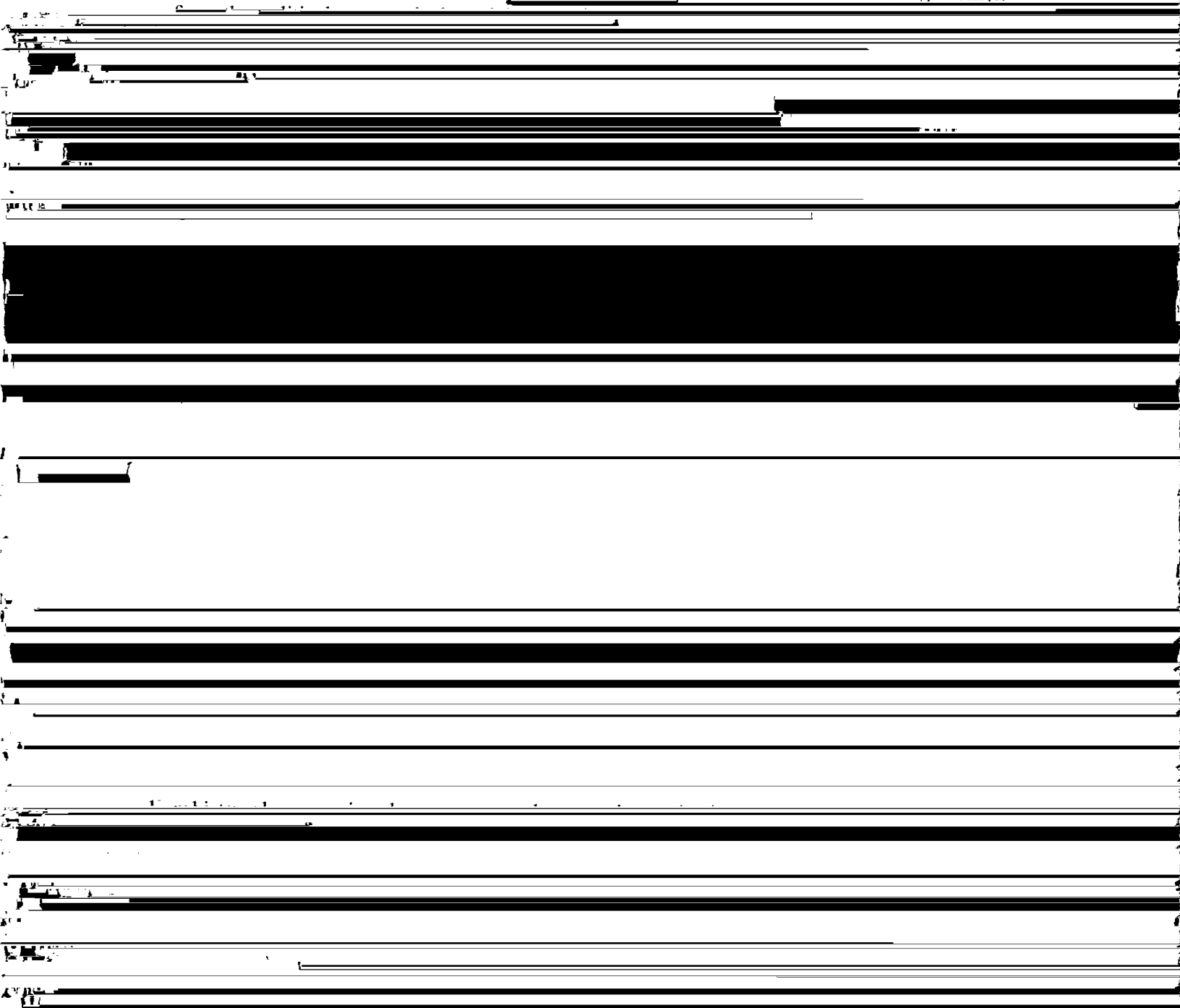
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Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Government of Afghanistan, I would like to fully align with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Antigua and Barbuda on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

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The situation of women in Afghanistan began to attract the international community's attention when the barbaric regime of the Taliban, in power in Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001, implemented its discriminatory and totalitarian policies aimed at excluding women





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servants. Moreover, Afghan women are no longer excluded from employment.



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transportation. In addition, the terror campaign carried out by the Taliban has significantly

affected girls' enrollment in schools and attendance in provinces located in the south and east of the country. Schools are burned and female teachers and girl students are attacked, threatened or intimidated by the Taliban. According to the Ministry of Education, girls represent less than 15% of the total enrollment in nine provinces in the east and the south of Afghanistan.

The Government of Afghanistan believes that the sustainable reconstruction and development of the country require full and equal participation of Afghan women in socio-economic activities of Afghanistan. However, women in Afghanistan are