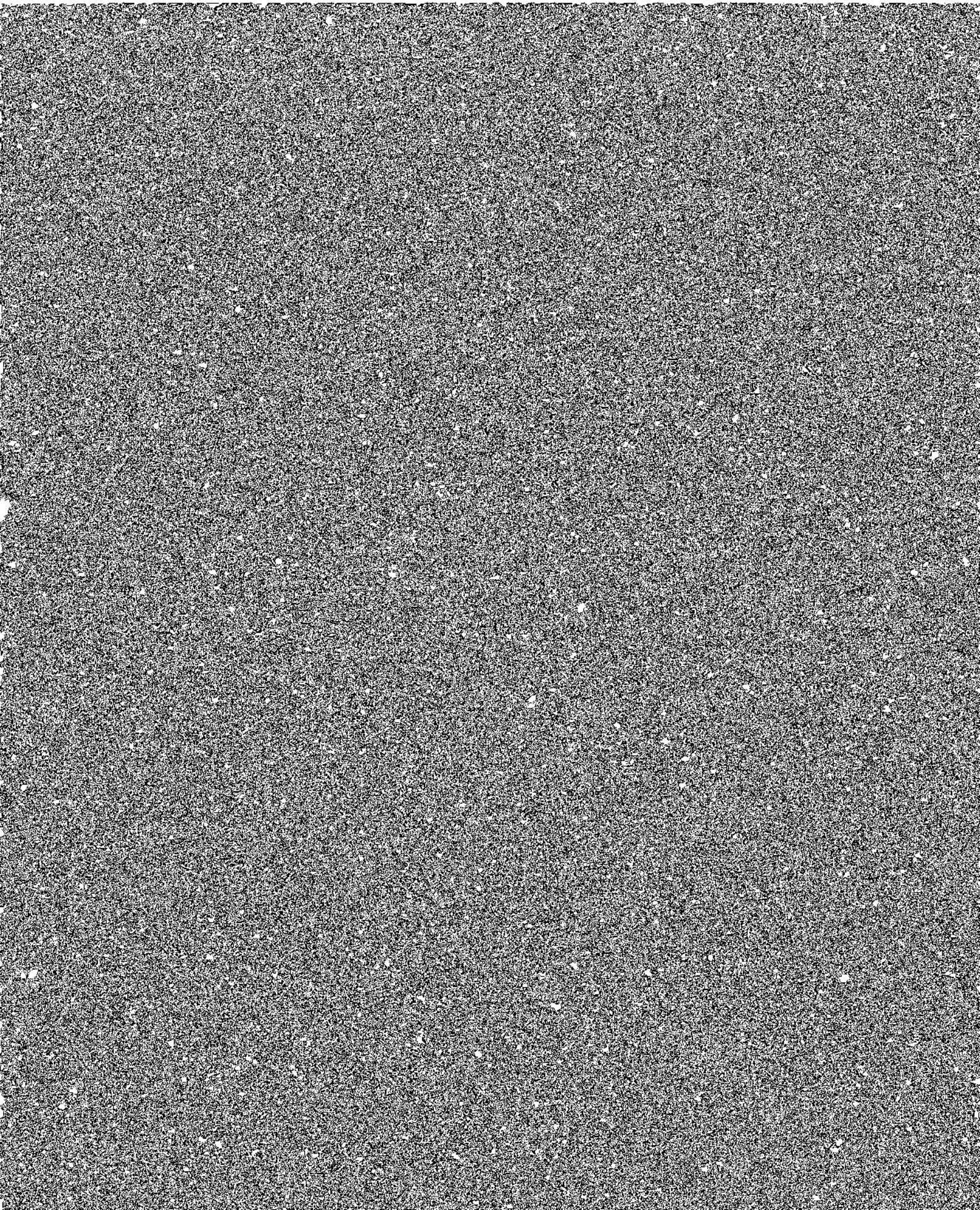
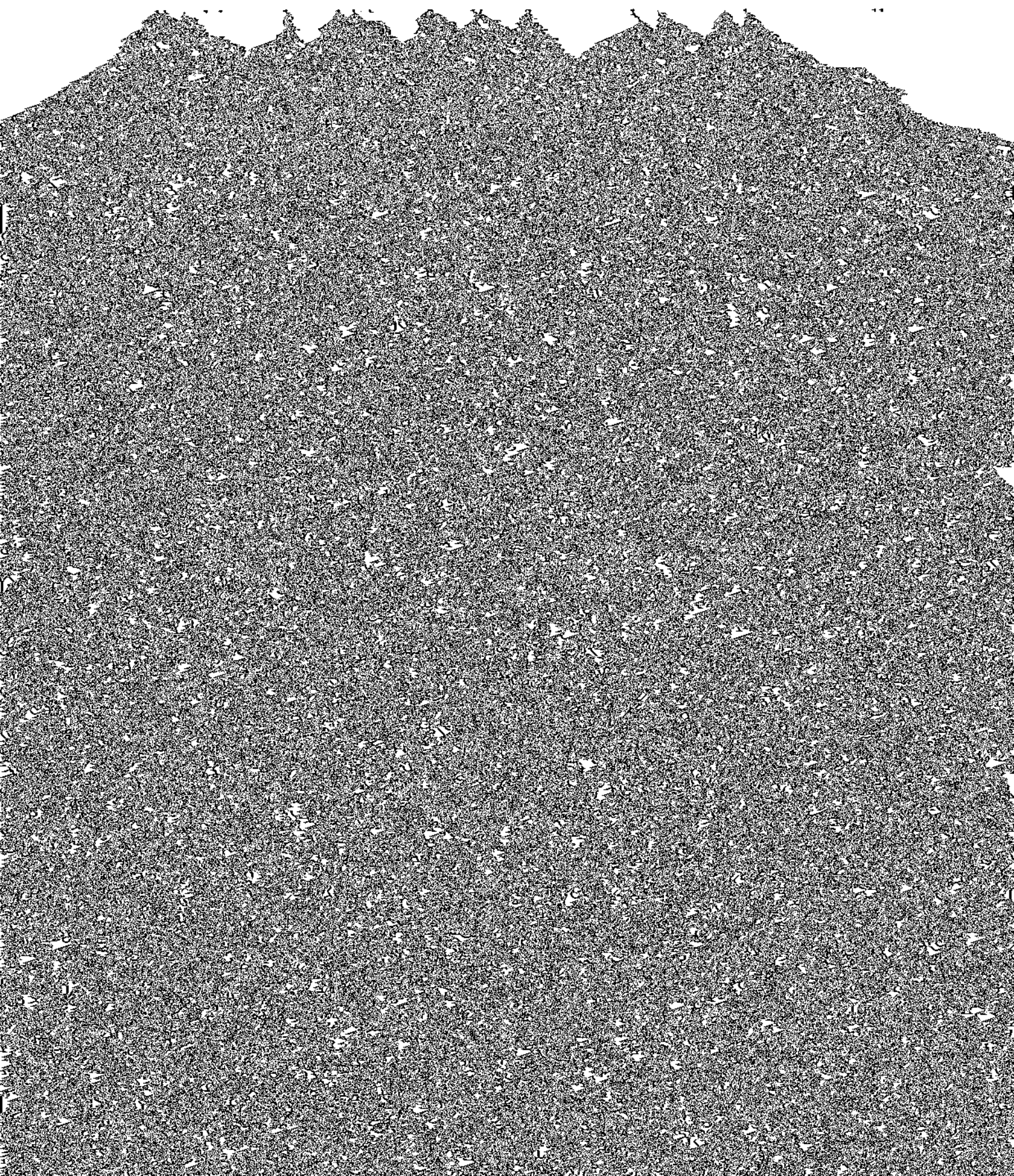


Zimbabwe.



Conference. We are confident that under your able stewardship, we will achieve the objectives we have set for ourselves to establish a



Mr President,

An honest and frank assessment of our performance since the Monterrey Conference would suggest that we have fallen short in a number of areas. Commitments made to provide development resources have not been fully met. As a result of this and other shortfalls and weaknesses in the global partnership, there were

national efforts. After all, we acknowledge the commonality of our future and destiny in the context of the future we want.

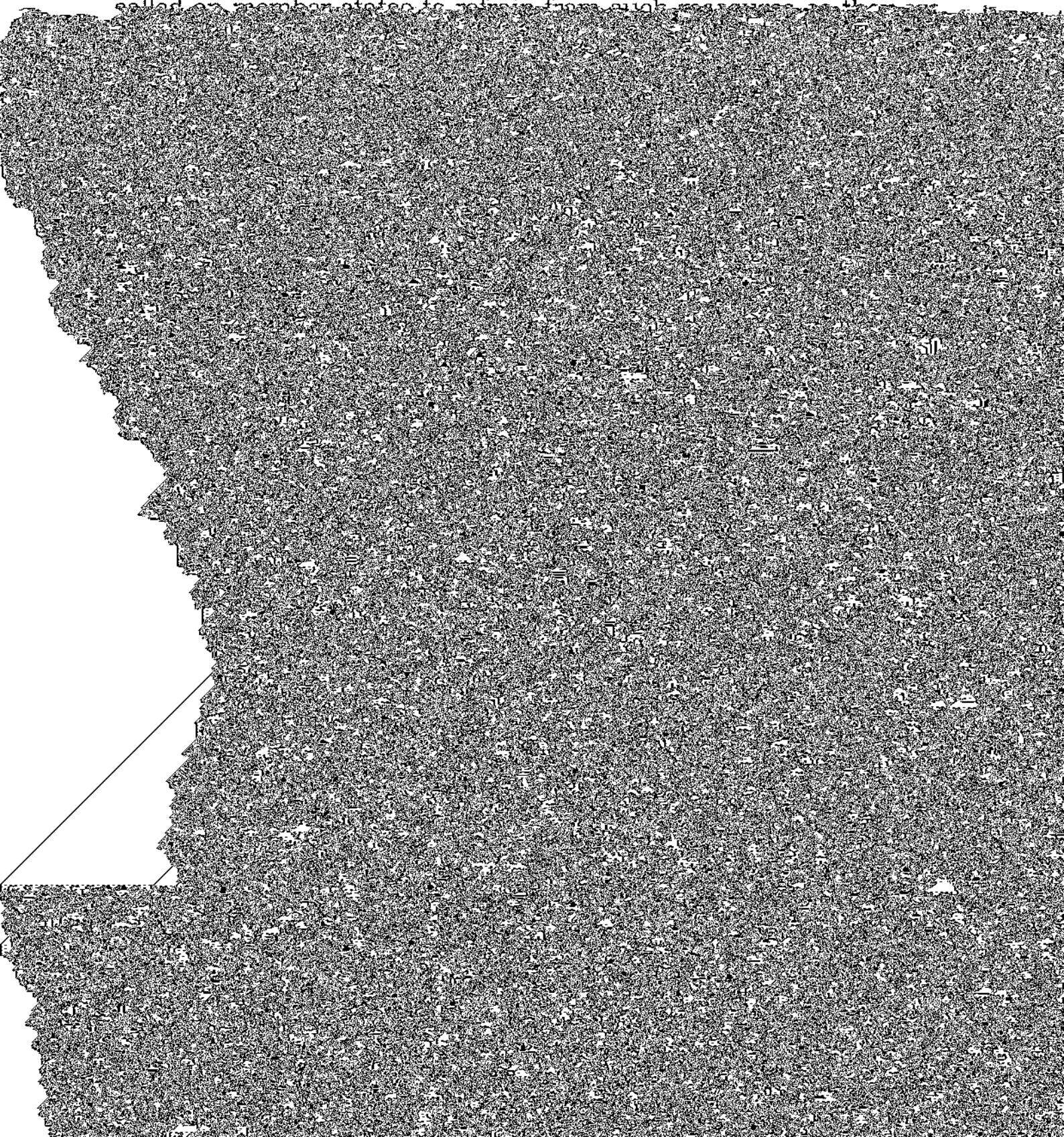
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African countries take their responsibilities for national and continental development seriously. To that end, we have adopted Agenda 2063 as our development plan for the next fifty years. Our priorities under the plan include development of infrastructure, industrialization, value addition and beneficiation which are critical to the transformation of our economies. We therefore welcome the

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Unilateral economic sanctions severely undermine economic development. The high level meeting on the rule of law held in 2012 called on members to refrain from such measures, as they are



development of our economies. The success of our development agenda and the confidence of our citizens will depend on a

responsible approach from this Government towards the