

**PACIFIC SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES**

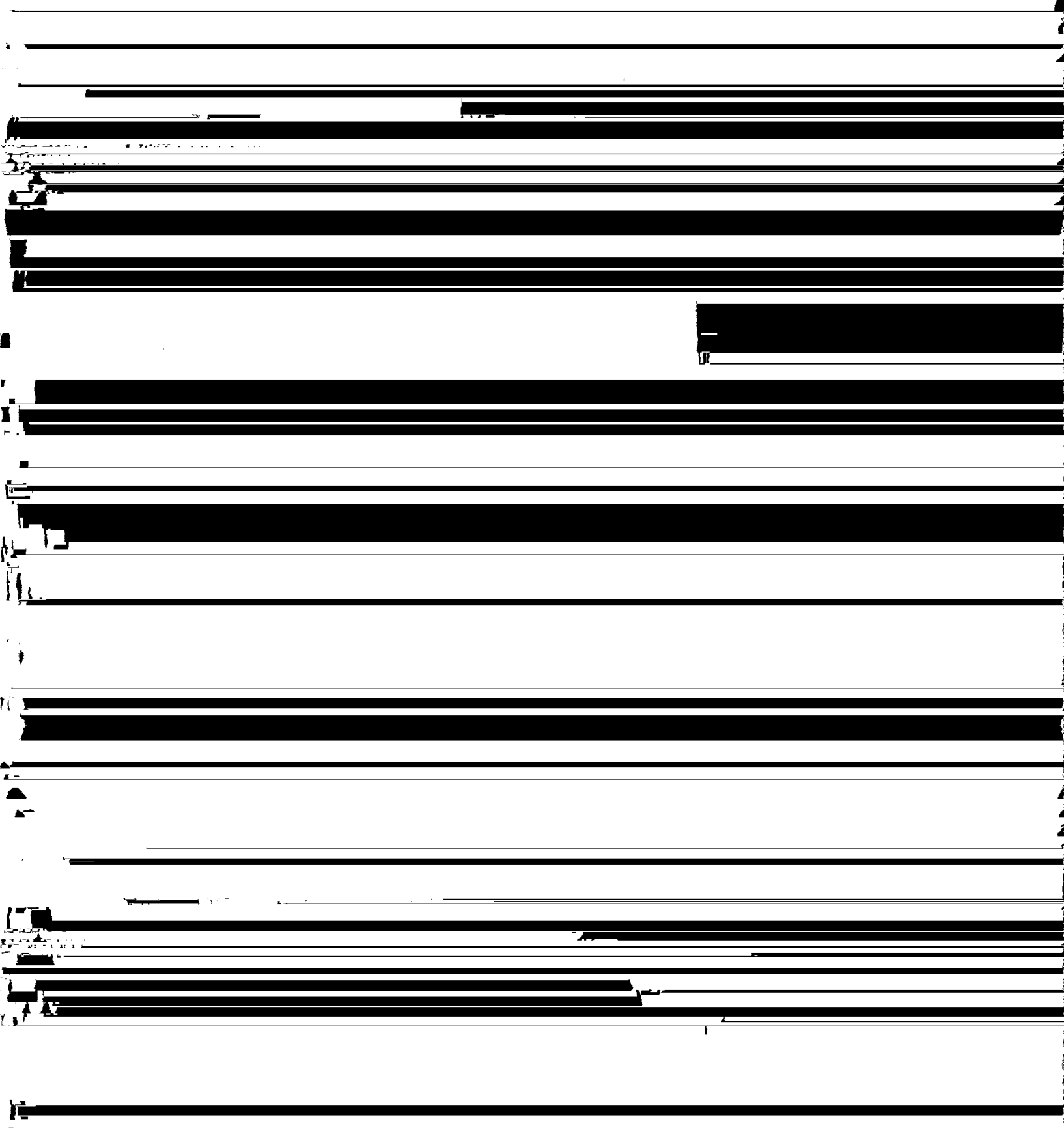
**Statement by the  
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On behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States**

at the

**57<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women  
General Discussion**

I have the honour to speak on behalf of members of the Pacific Small

At the moment the UN Women multi-country office in Fiji manages 14



of women' s status as they become landless in matrilineal societies and hopeless as our traditions and culture wears thin as we migrate out of our communities. Our concern on focusing so much on Disaster Risk Management by the UN system ignores the slow onset of climate change which is more disempowering.

Madam Chair,

Another issue we have an interest in is the Post 2015 Development Agenda which is just around the corner. Three Pacific SIDS are in the SDGs Working Group. MDGs achievements on Women and Girls in the region are uneven and mixed. We welcome the proposal of having 2014 CSW 58 session to assess progress and look at intensifying action. The

Beijing Platform for Action will be entering into its 20 years and focusing on