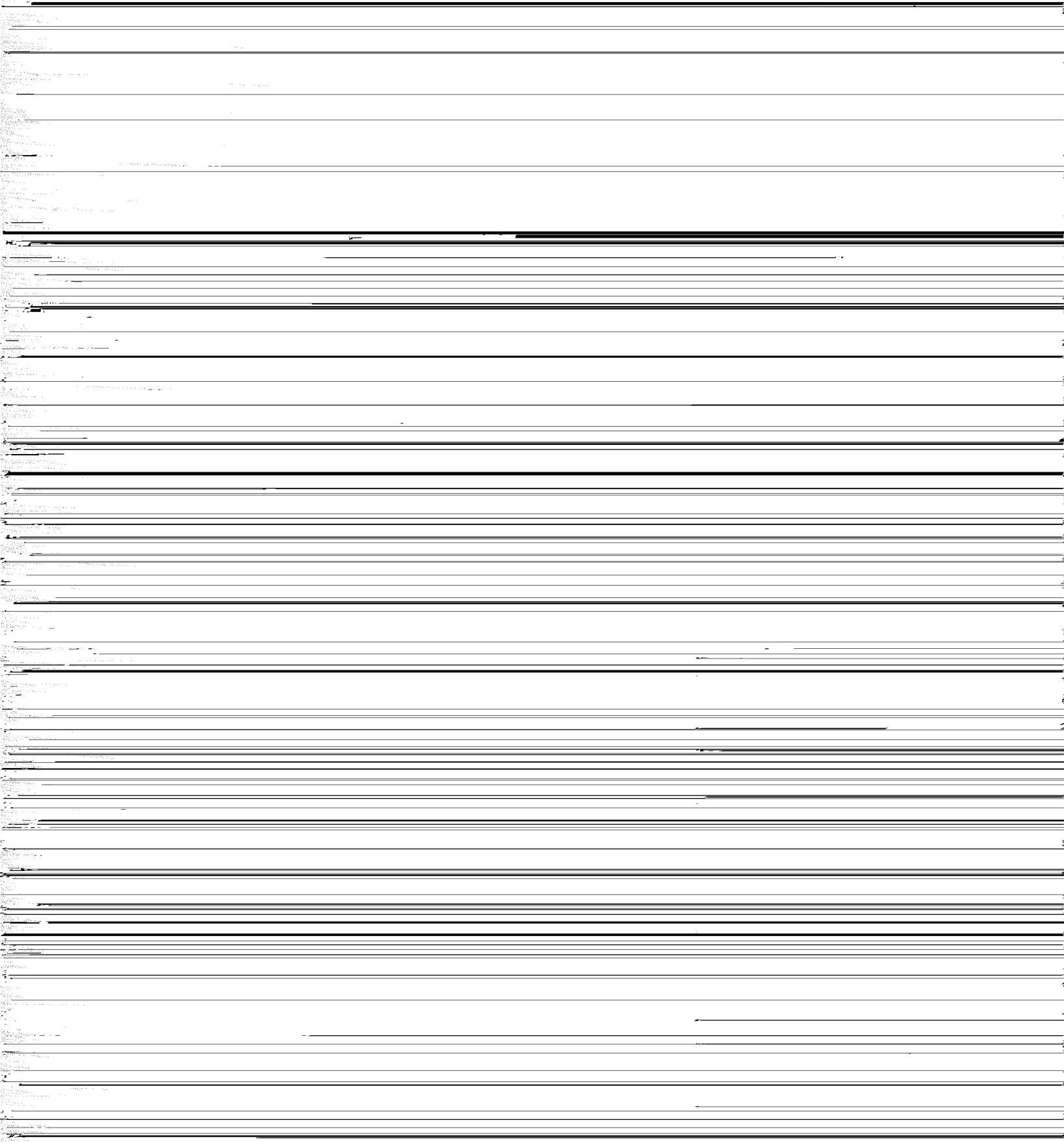


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**Madame Chairperson,**

I. Papua New Guinea aligns herself with last week's constructive and forward-looking statements on gender-based

violence prevention and elimination, made by Fiji on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as that made by Samoa on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) and by the Prime Minister of Tuvalu on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) including for the Pacific region's representation in the next Bureau of the

Commission of the Status of Women.

" We also value and appreciate the constructive proposals shared last week and into the next session of the

**Madame Chairperson,**

XII. The Government of Papua New Guinea acknowledges that violence against women and girls in the country is a serious cross-cutting development issue and human rights concern that must not be tolerated any more. We are

therefore committed to combat gender-based violence and also promote gender equality and empowerment in

Y/PJ A boot-planting on combating gender-based violence that is working well in Darussalam, Orissa is a multi-sectoral