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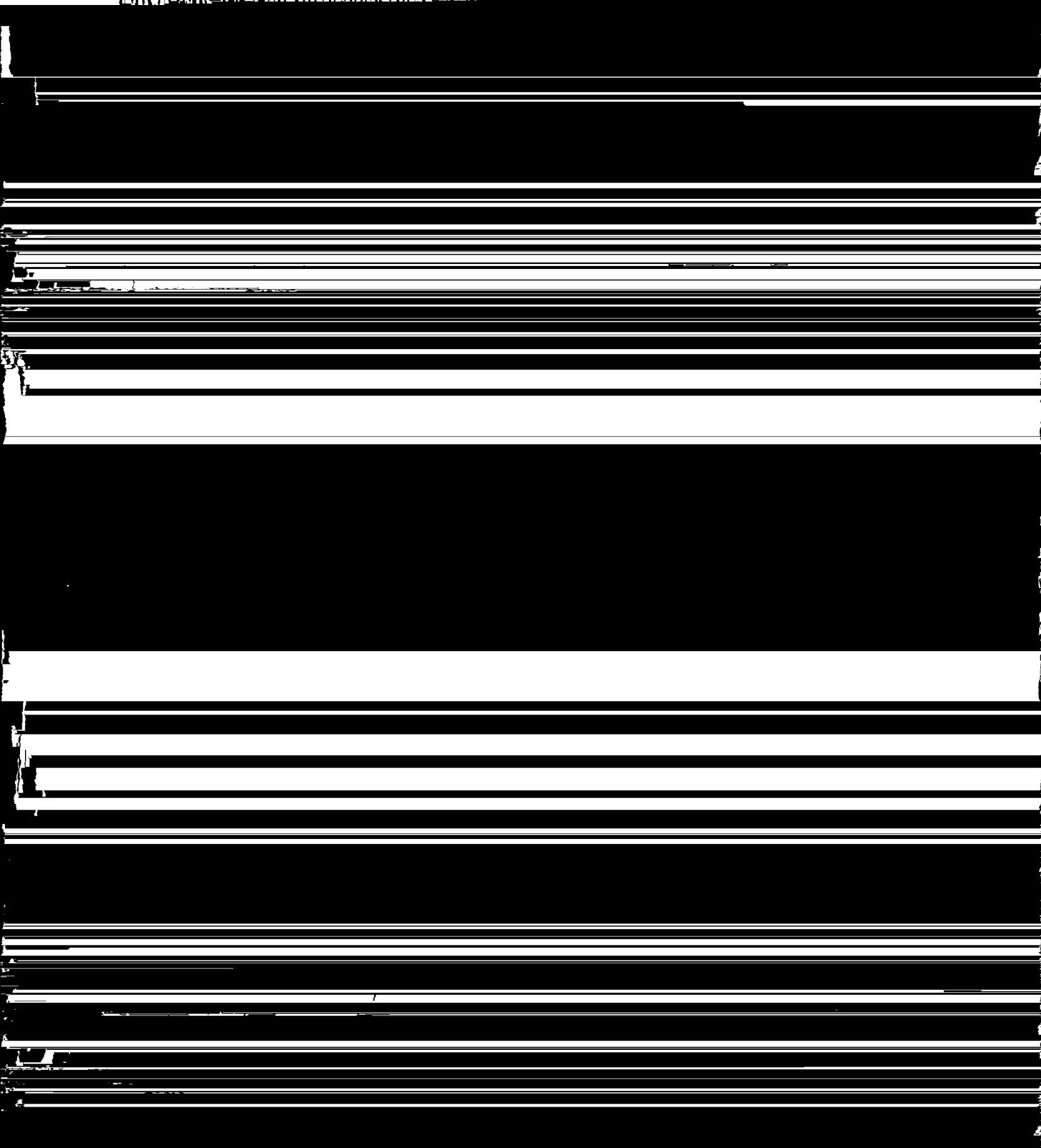
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1. In preparation for the ten-year review and appraisal at the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the regional commissions held regional meetings. Meetings of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) were held in all regions

actively in the intergovernmental regional meetings.

2. The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) held the Ninth Session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean from 10 to 12 June 2004 in Mexico City. The Conference focused on reviewing the implementation and fulfilment of international and regional agreements and on the

gender equality and the empowerment of women, the establishment and the strengthening of national machineries and institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women, formulation and revision of domestic laws and regulations to eliminate discrimination



and fostering corporate social responsibility for promoting gender equality and working

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