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**Statement read on behalf of H.E. Abdullah Shahid, President of the General Assembly of**

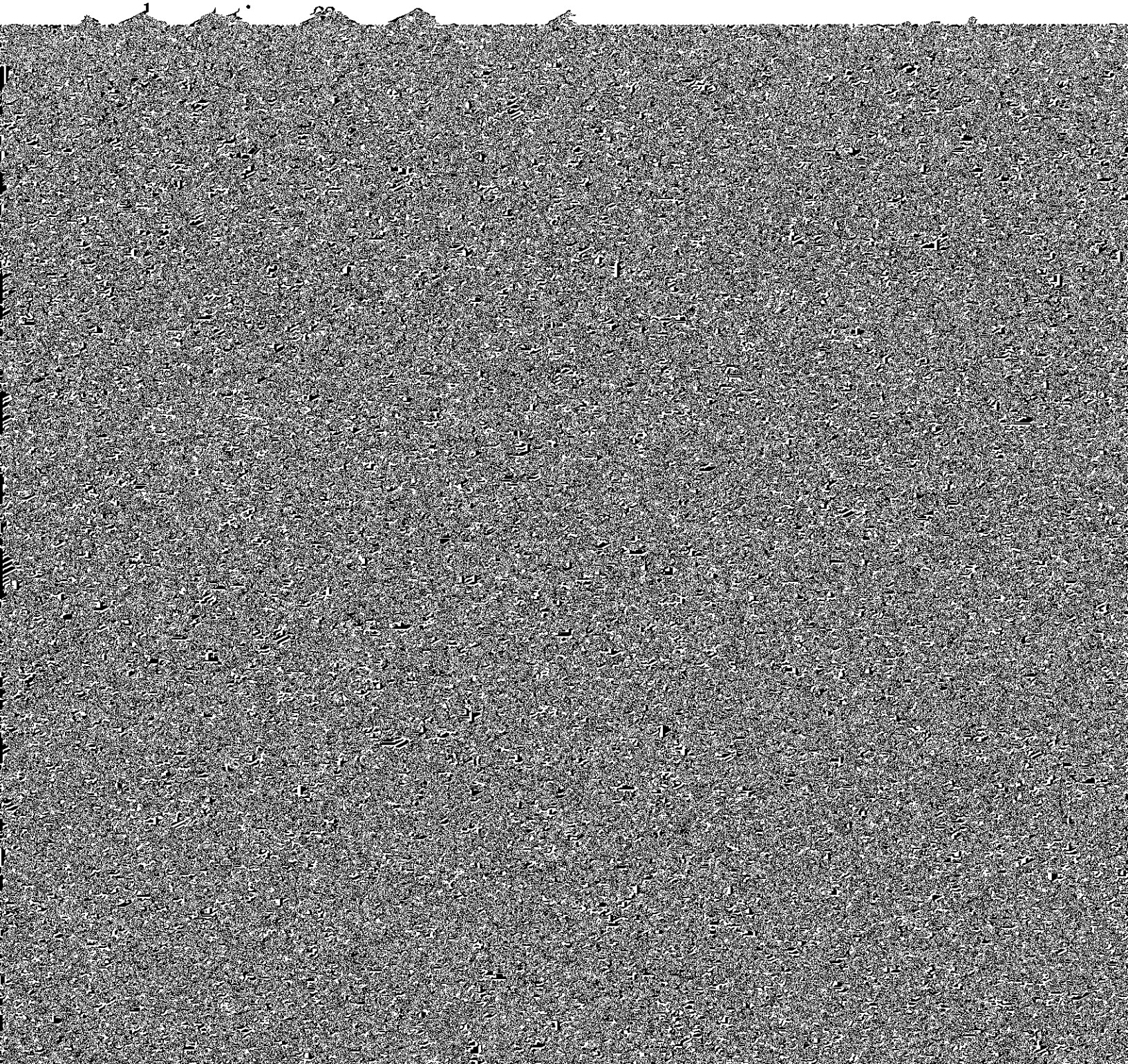
Excellencies,

Dear friends,

Decolonization is a process that must be guided by international law, including the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations

17 Non-Self-Governing Territories, home to 2 million people, are

I welcome this year's theme on the COVID-19 pandemic. As I have stressed many times before: we have all suffered through the pandemic, but we have not all endured it the same; for many Non-Self-Governing Territories, the pandemic has only exacerbated pre-existing challenges, including climate change and the



Let us ensure that this Fourth International Decade for the