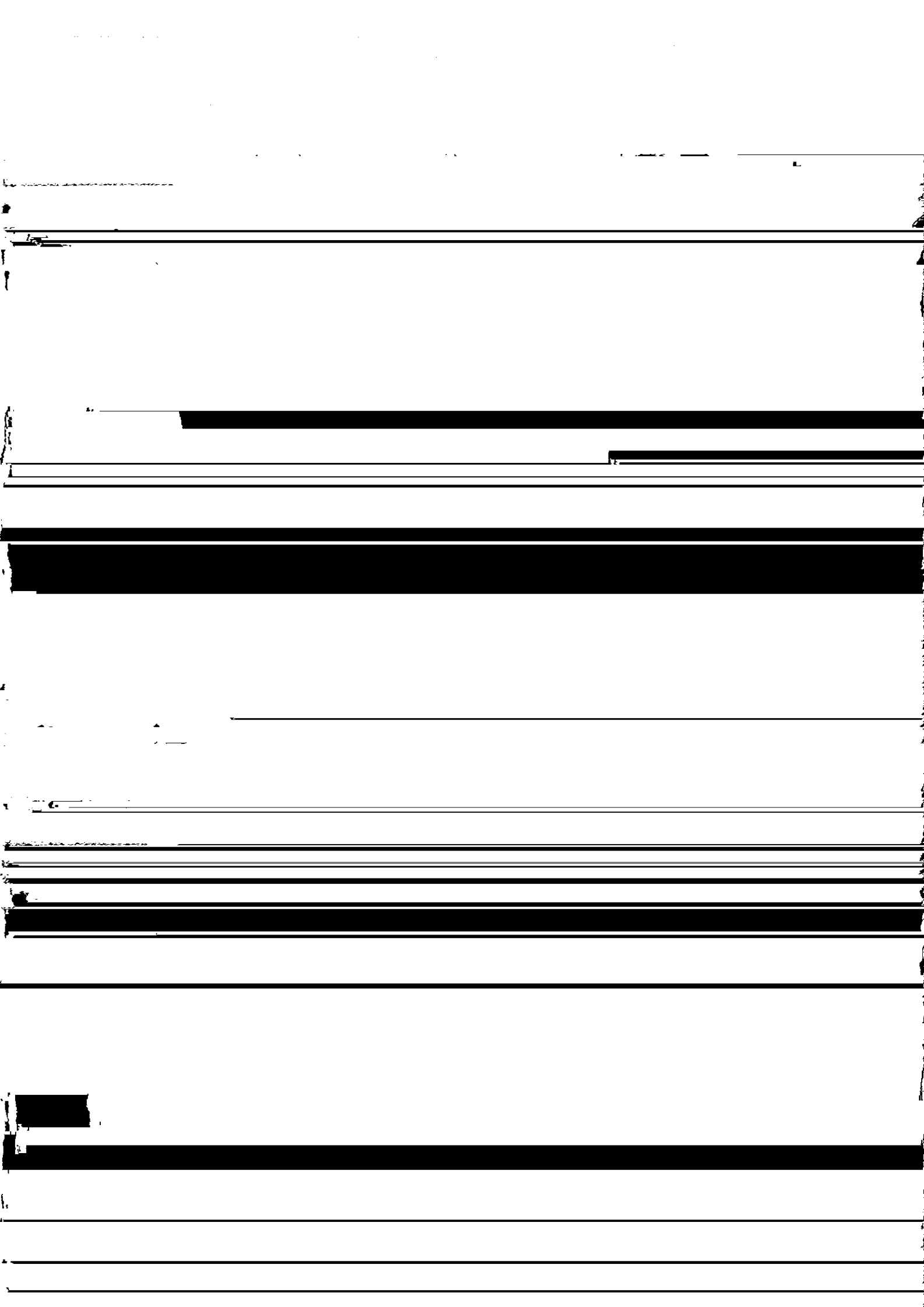




The Honorable Robert M. Gates
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Dear Secretary Gates,



- Information regarding the extent to which U.S. obligations under the Optional Protocol and the Committee on the Rights of the Child's recommendations will be taken into account in future decisions regarding Canadian Omar Khadr a Guantánamo Bay detainee who has been held

in U.S. custody since age 15 and faces prosecution for crimes allegedly committed when he was as young as 10.

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