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**Subject:** RE: Briefing ECI Day

Dear [REDACTED],

Thanks for your feed-back and please see attached revised version of the briefing for the ECI Day in clean version (and also TCs copy in case useful).

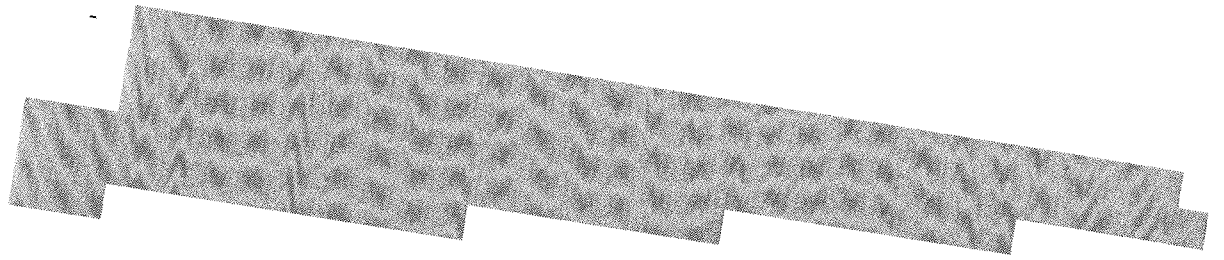
We have integrated your comments below in the defensives on initiatives and potential questions for the roundtable and added all the additional points in the section (i.e. initiatives, court cases, ongoing measures, revision, pilot project/platform and budget).

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Best regards,



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## European Citizens' Initiative – ECI Day 2017

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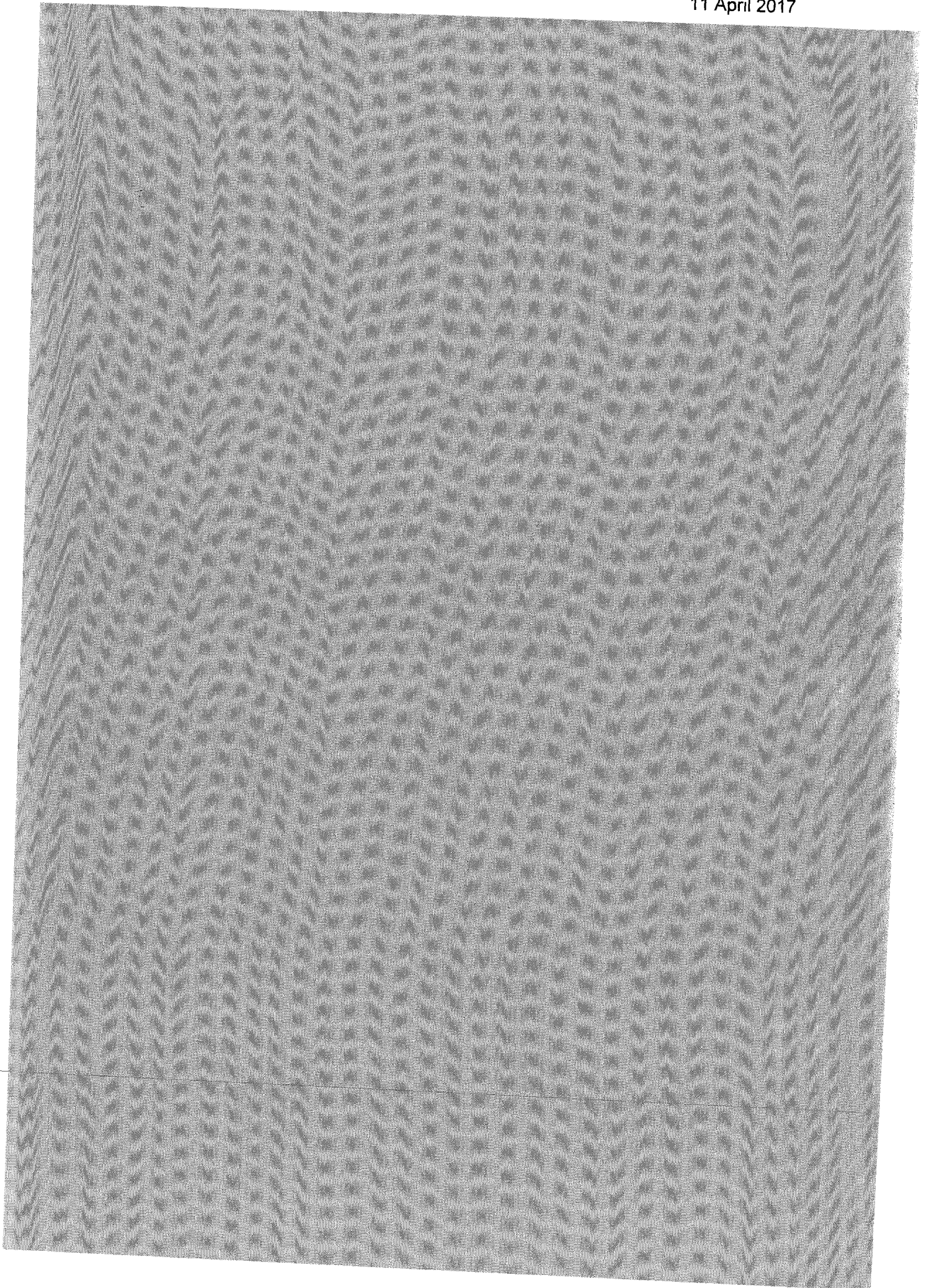
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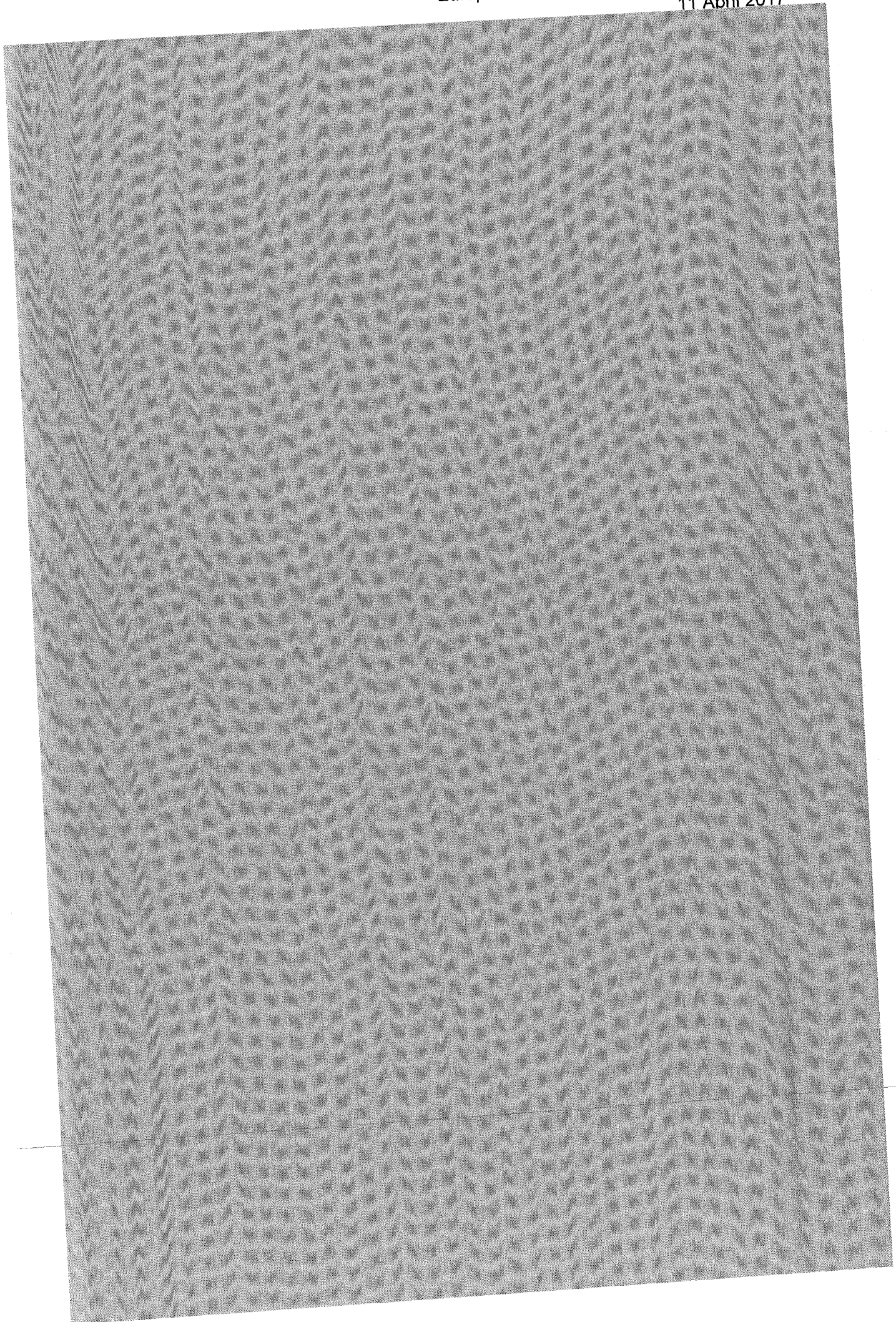
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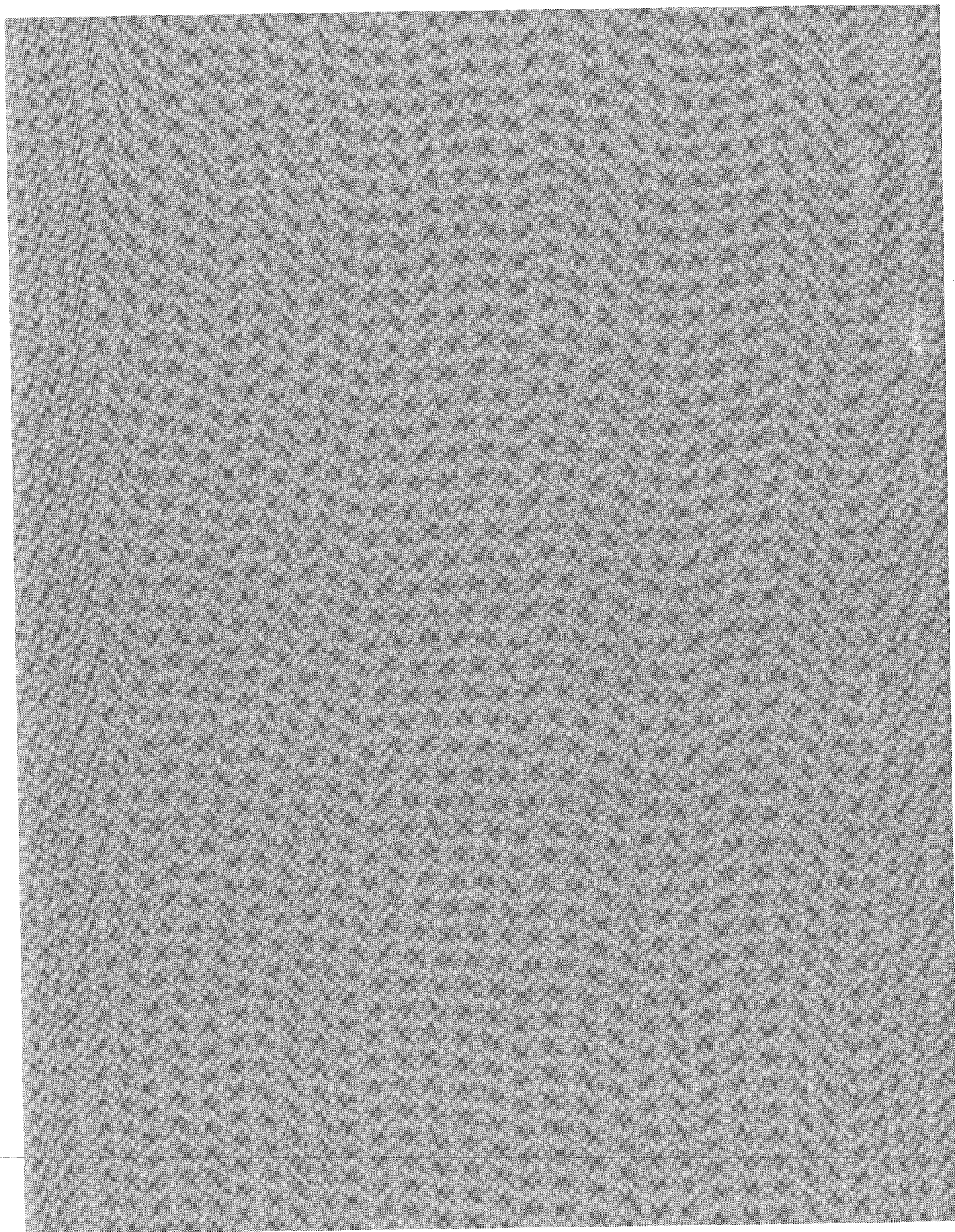




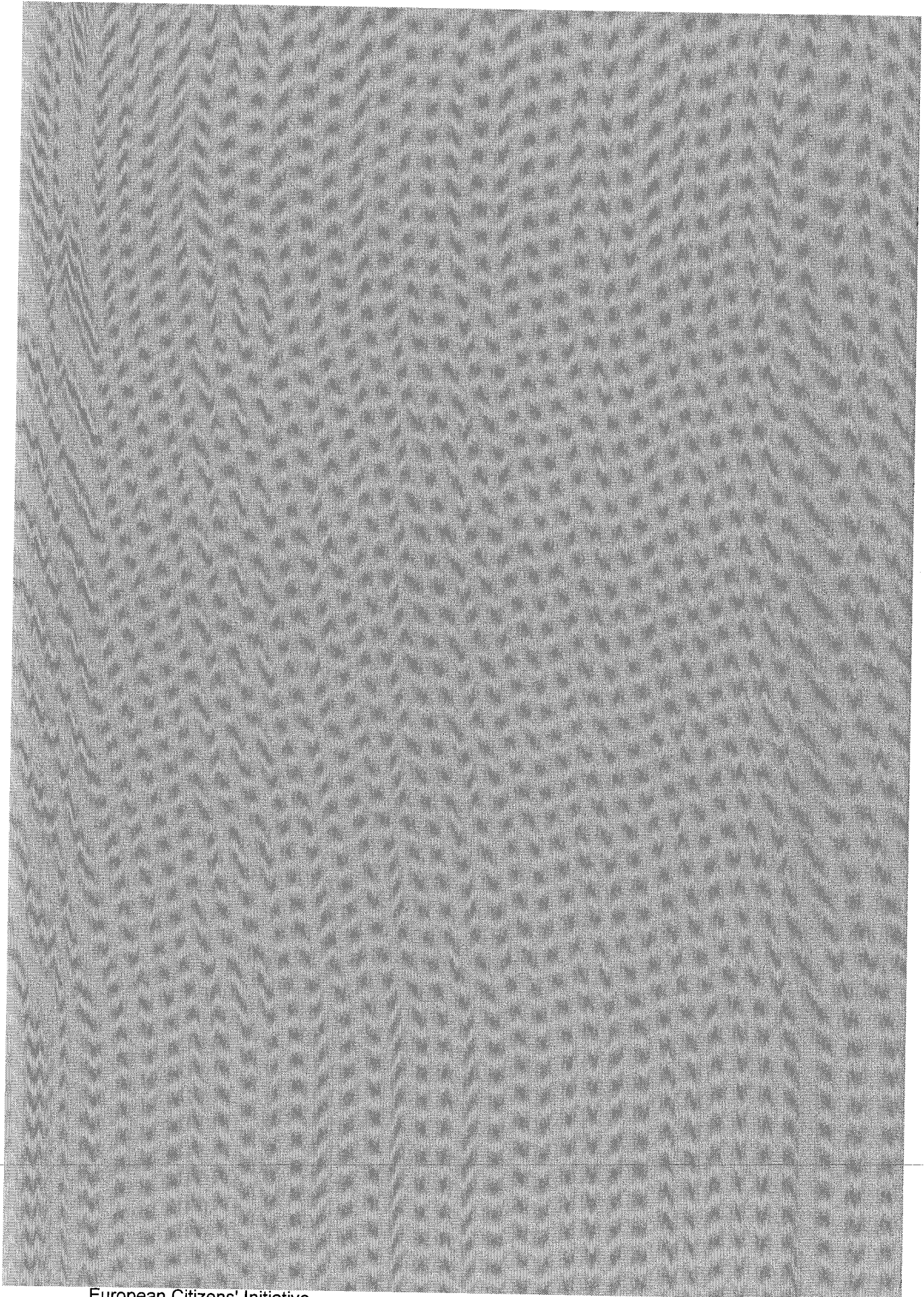
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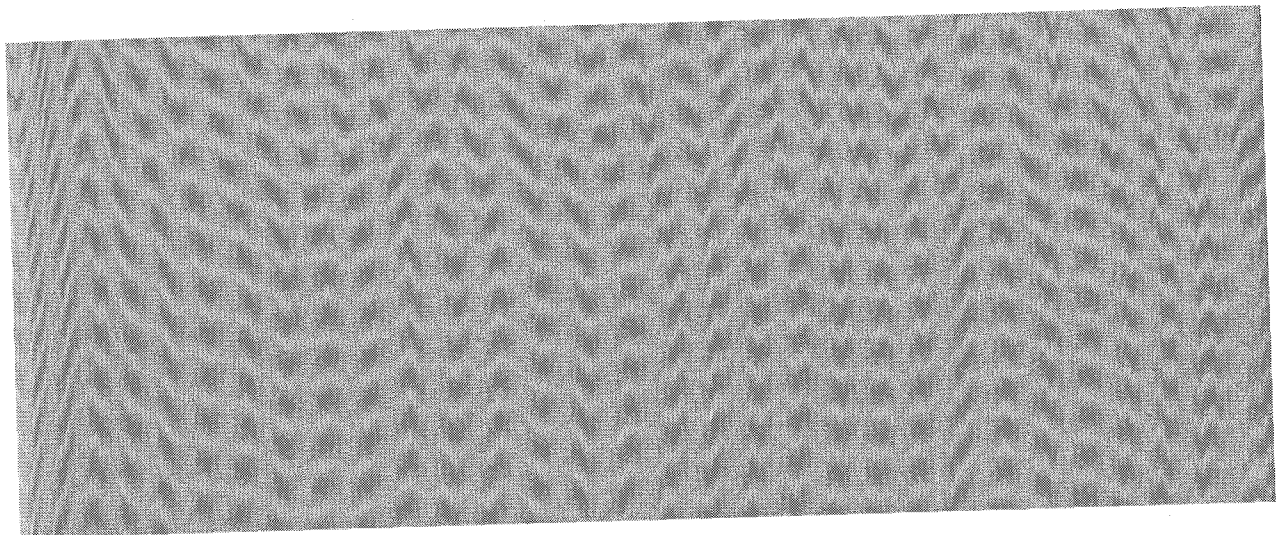






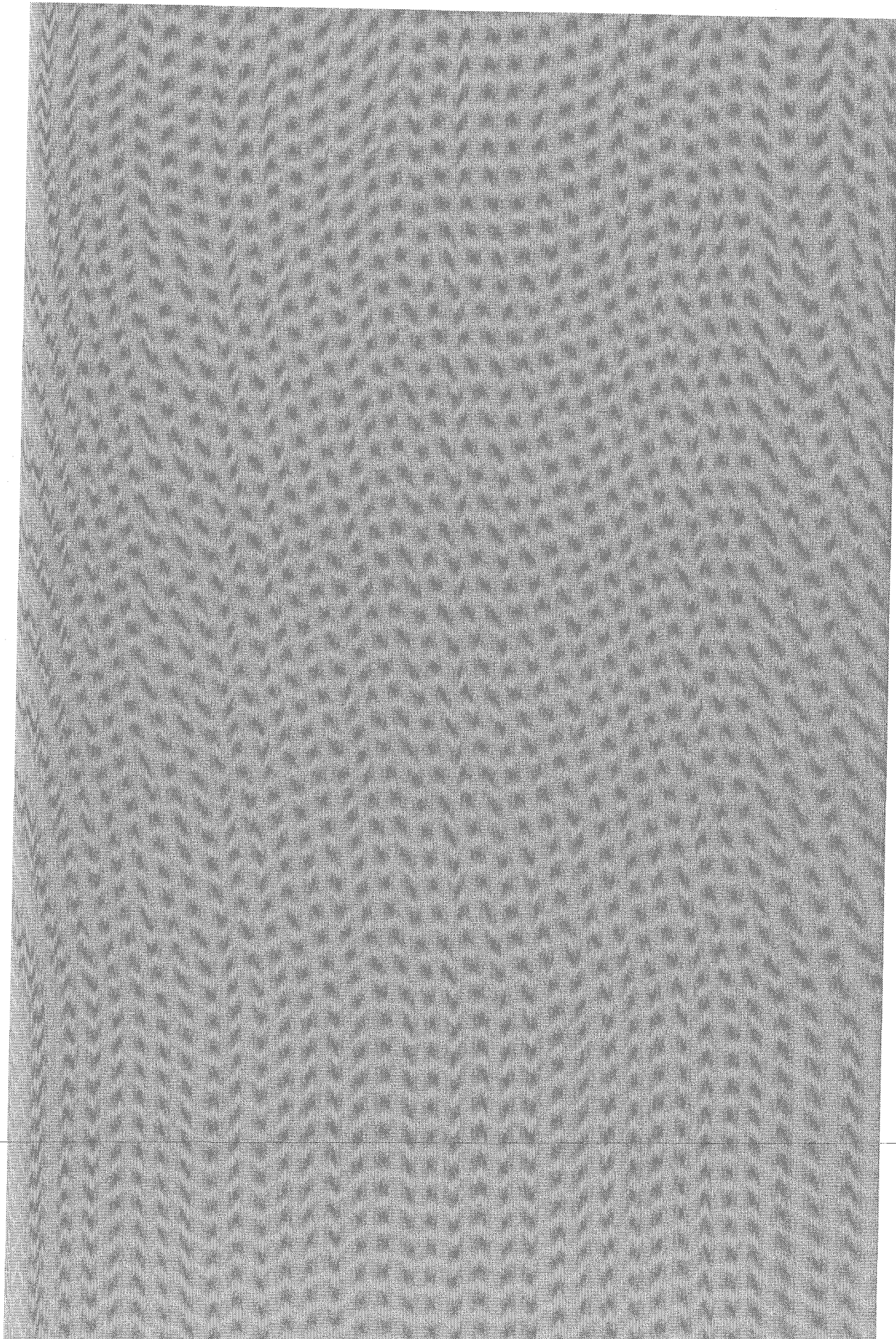




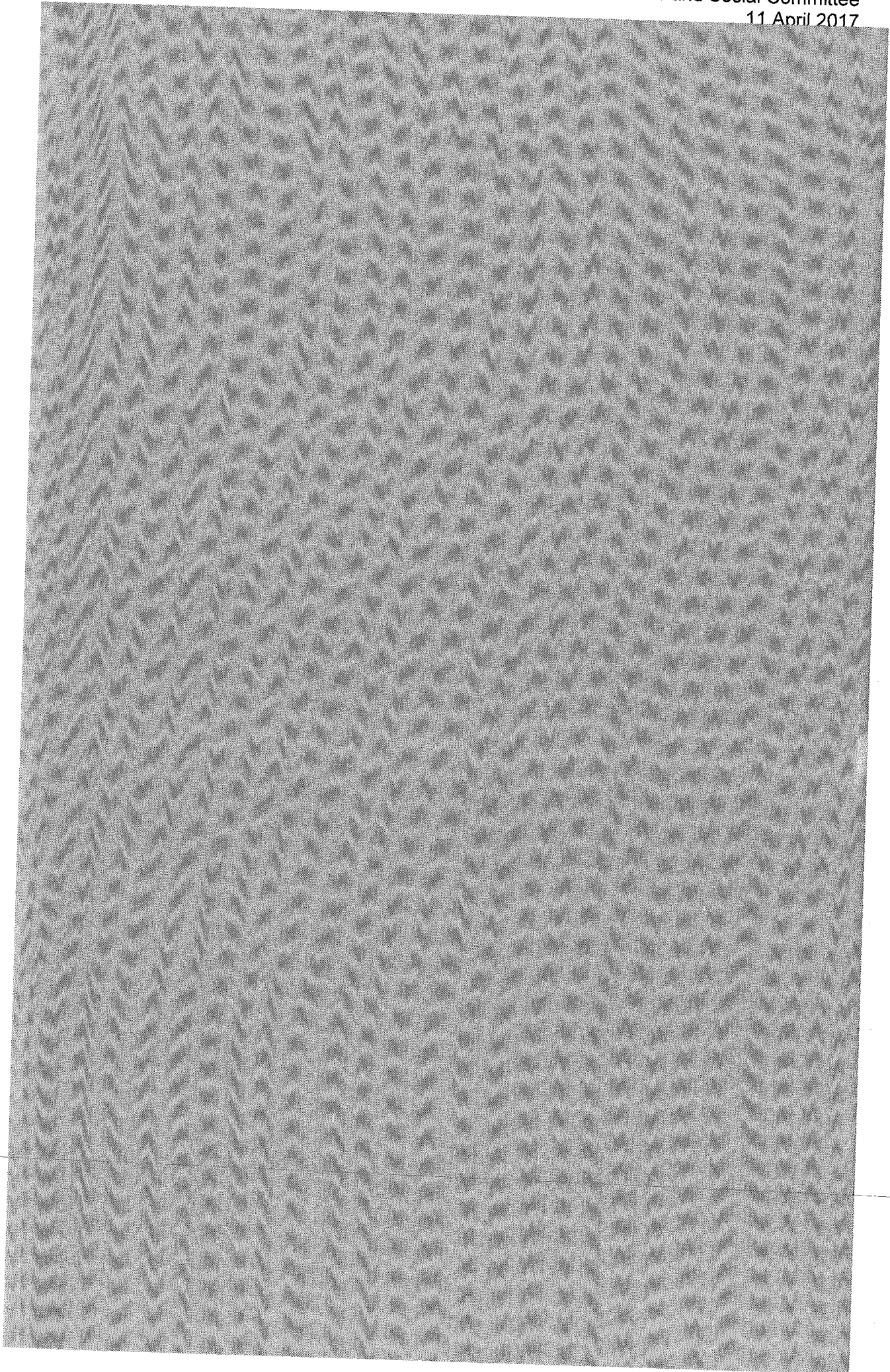




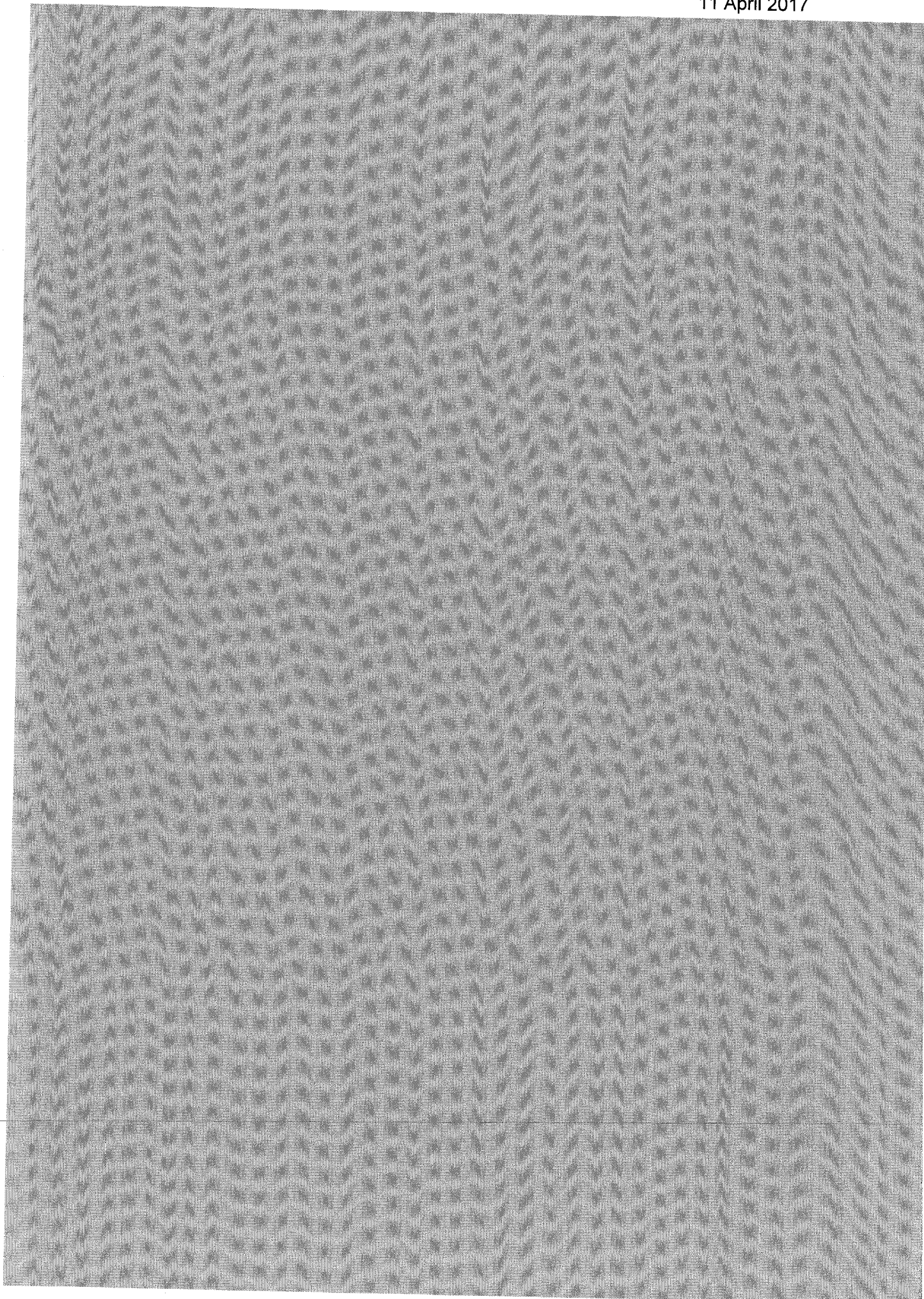
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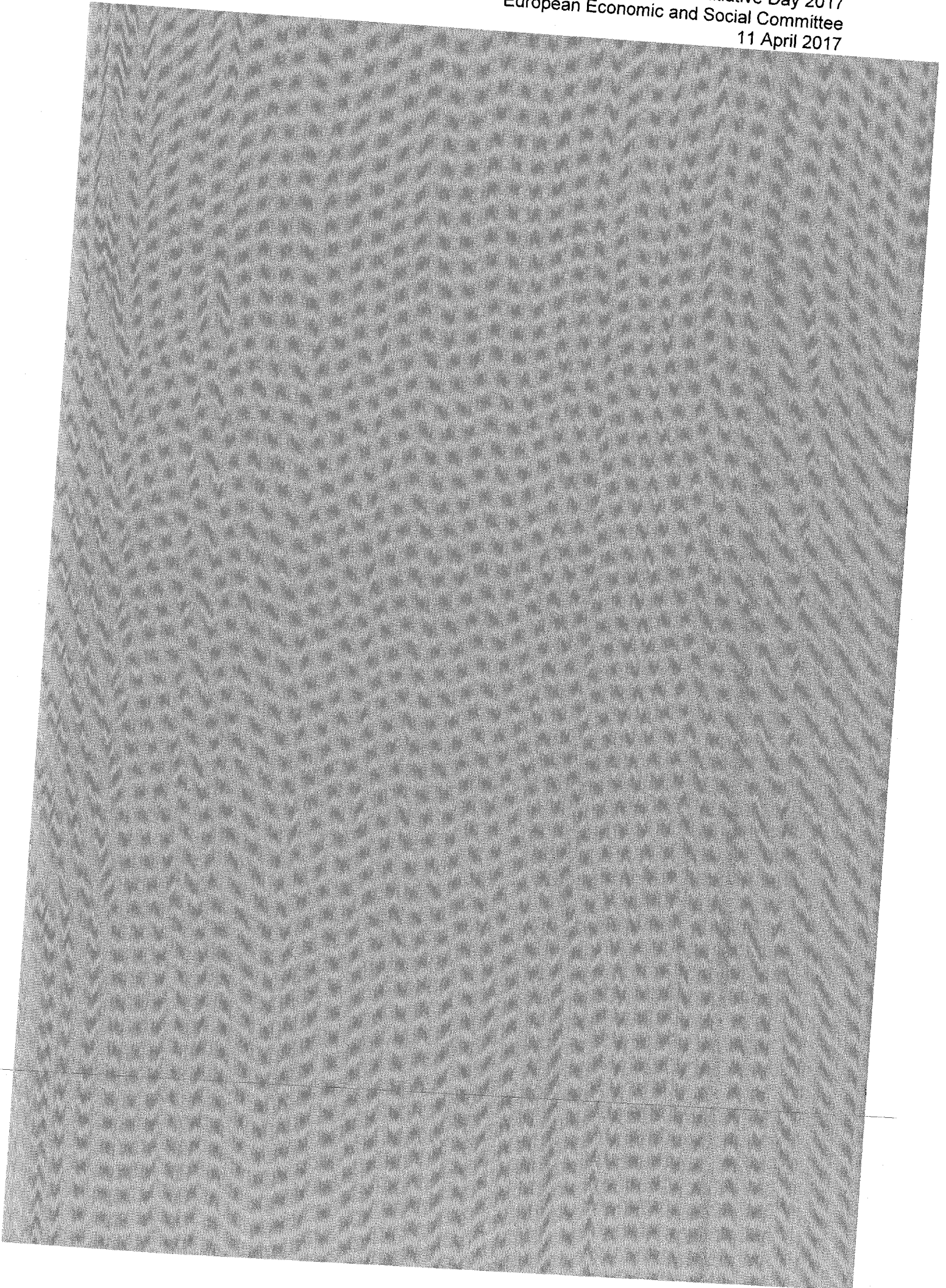




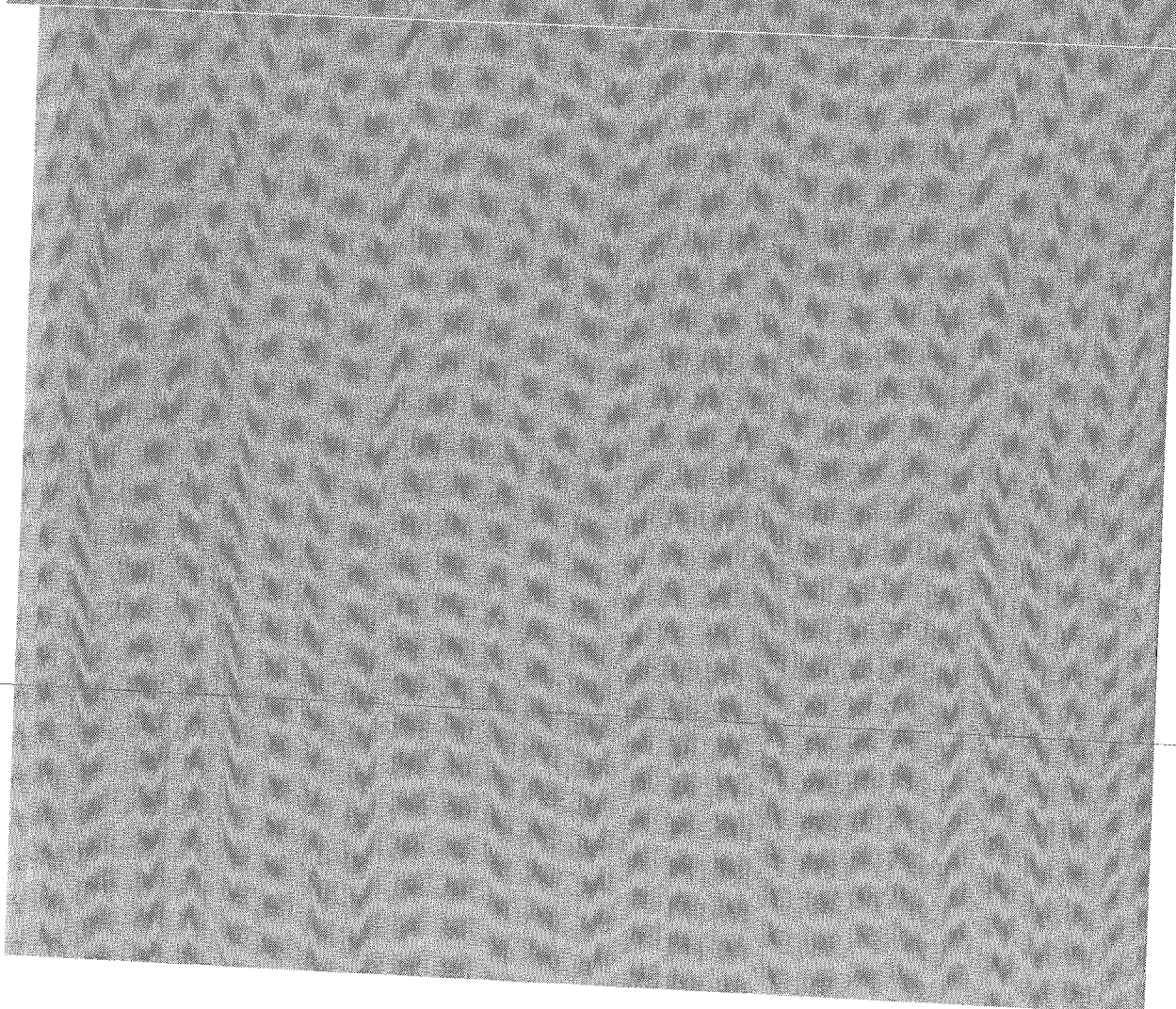
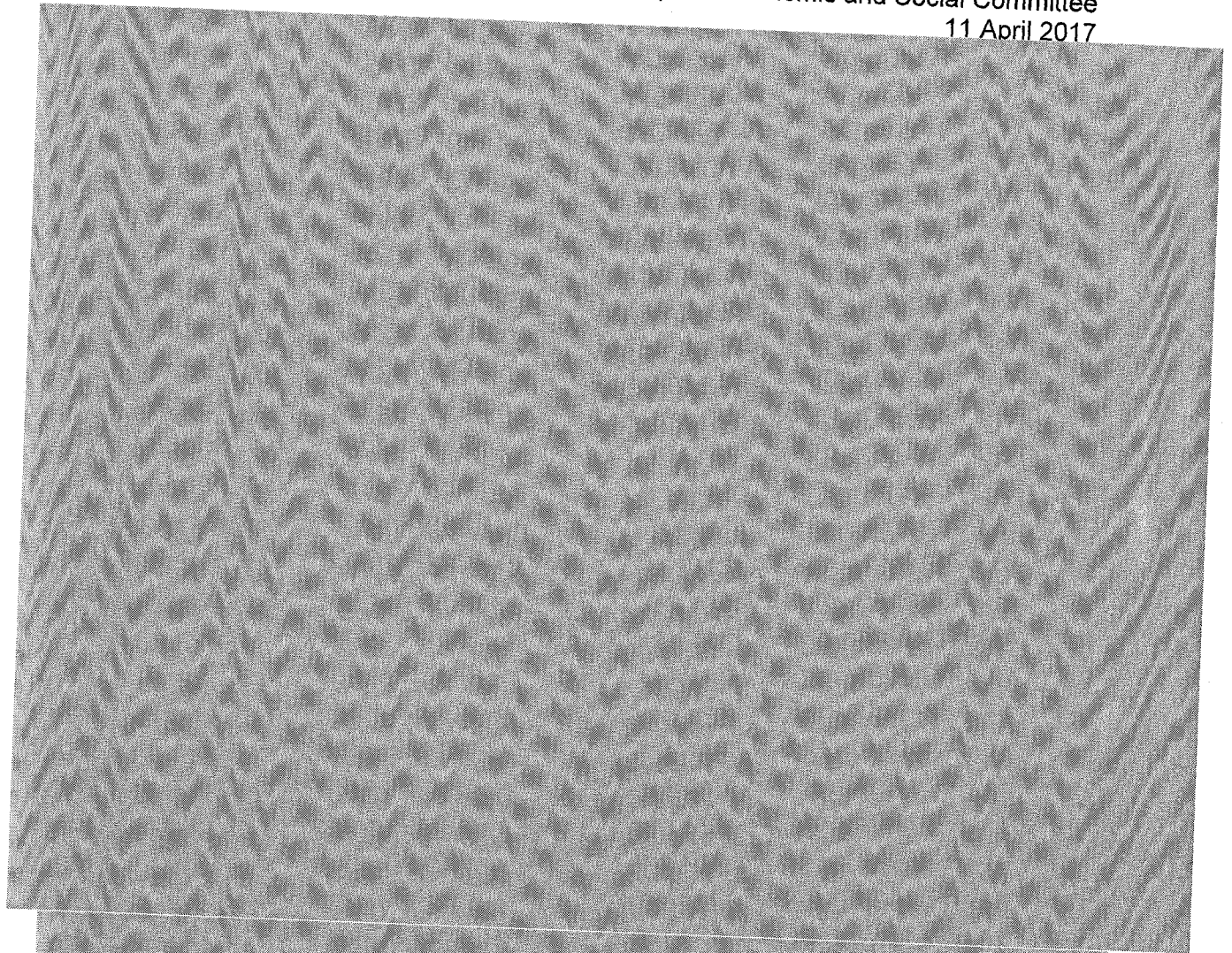




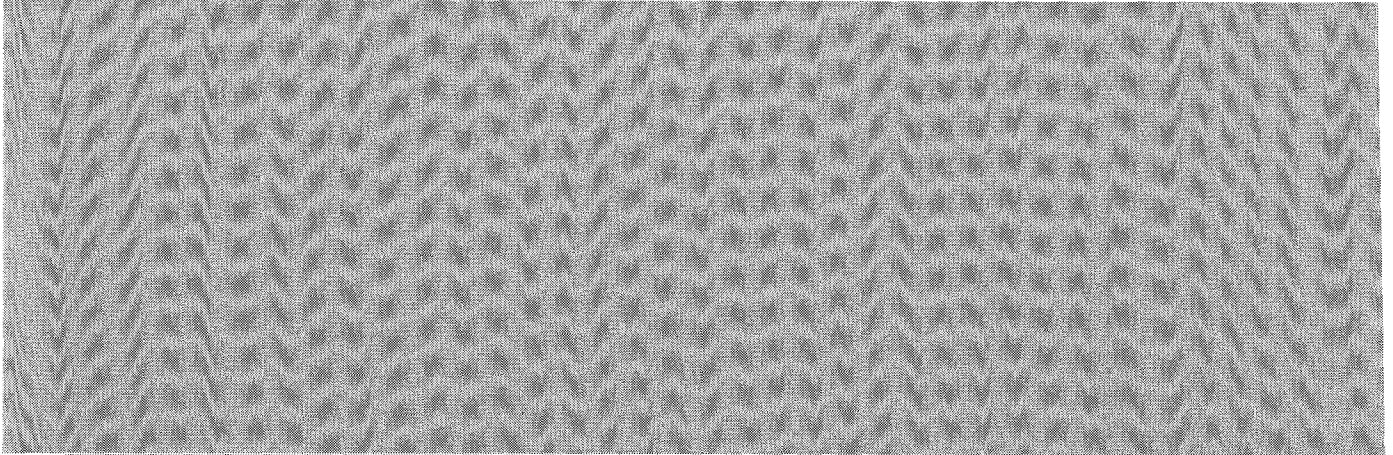
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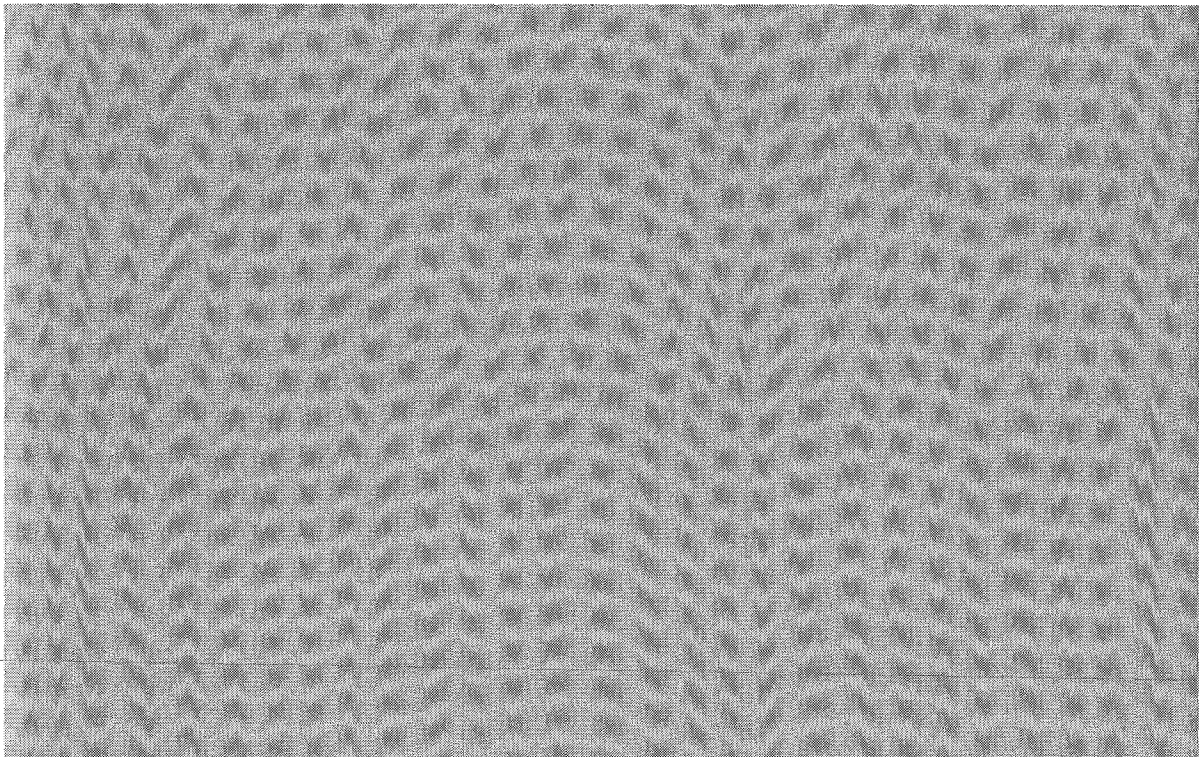
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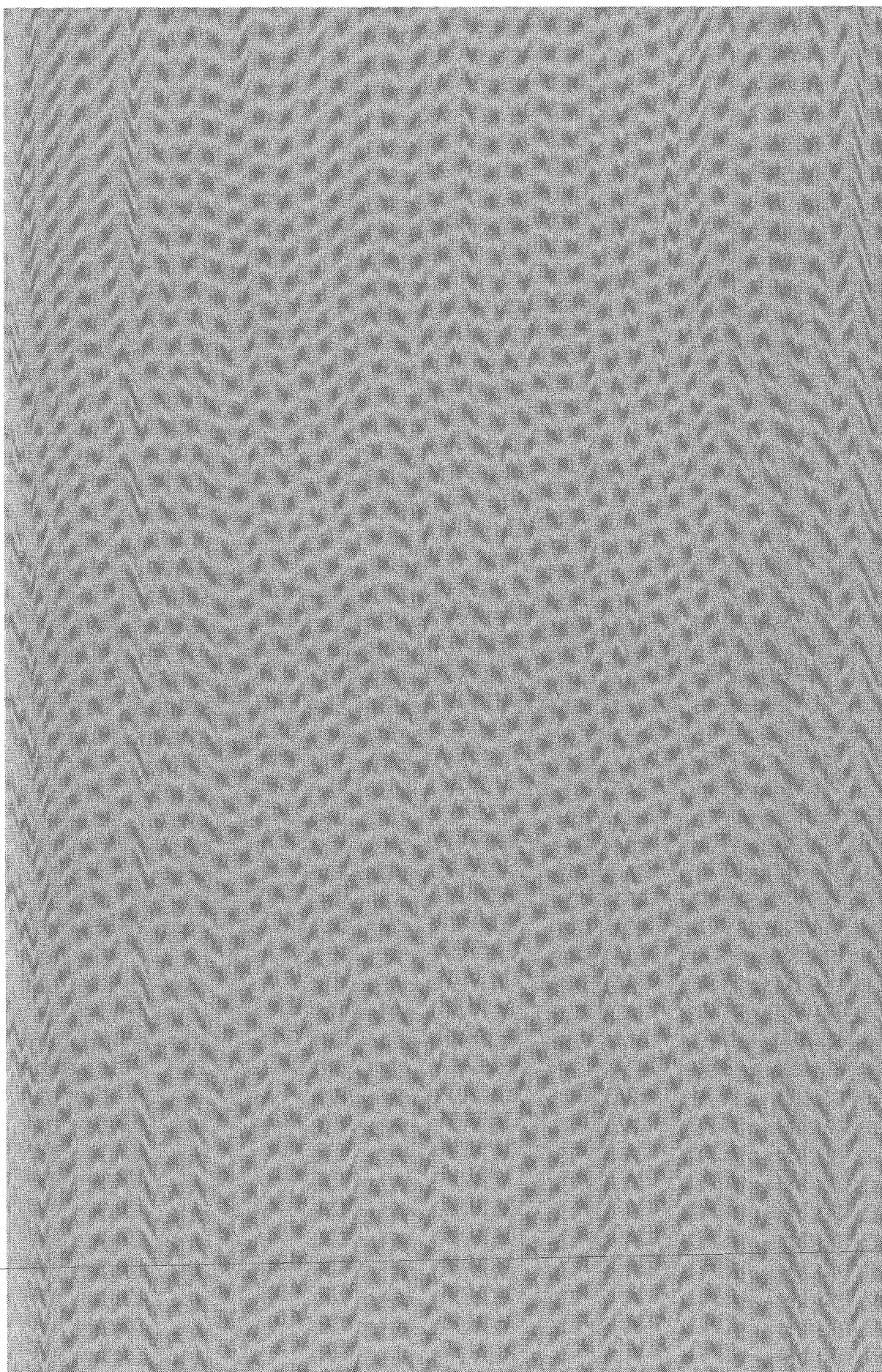
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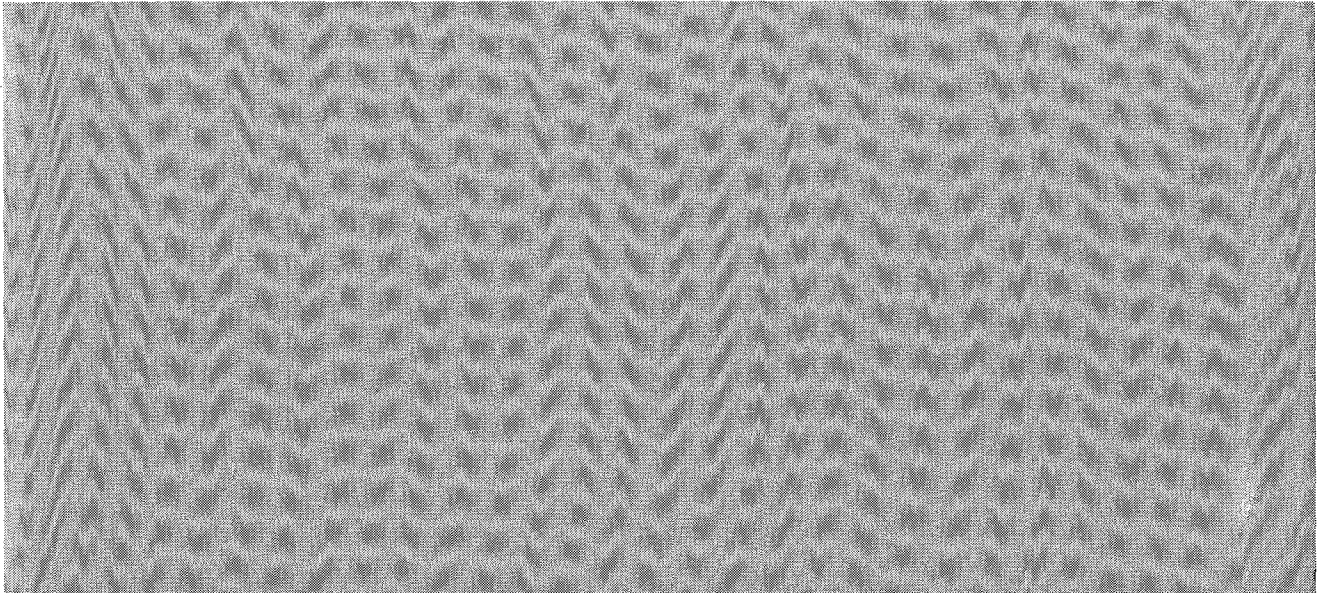
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***What is the Commission position as regards the initiative "Ban Glyphosate"?***

- The initiative was registered by the Commission in January 2017 since it met the conditions for registration under the ECI Regulation. The Commission's decisions concern the legal admissibility of the proposed initiatives. At this stage, the Commission has not examined the substance of the initiatives. In line with the ECI Regulation, no political assessment takes place at this stage.
- I am aware that the organisers of this initiative have reported that they are rapidly progressing towards reaching the 1 million threshold. My services continue monitoring these developments and are in contact with the organisers of the initiative.
- The next step in the procedure would be submitting the signatures to the national authorities in the Member States for verification and certification of valid statements of support obtained in each country. After this certification at national level, the initiative can be submitted by the organisers to the Commission.
- The ECI Regulation provides for the following follow-up procedure to successful ECIs within a time limit of three months:



- the Commission receives the organisers at an appropriate level to allow them to explain in detail the matters raised by the citizens' initiative;
  - the organisers are given the opportunity to present the citizens' initiative at a **public hearing**. The Commission and the European Parliament shall ensure that this hearing is organised at the European Parliament, if appropriate together with such other institutions and bodies of the Union as may wish to participate, and that the Commission is represented at an appropriate level
  - the Commission sets out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the citizens' initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking or not taking that action.
- Therefore, it would be at this stage (if and when the initiative receives the support of at least one million signatories from at least seven Member States within 12 months from its registration) that the Commission would be required to examine the substance of the initiative and set out in a communication its legal and political conclusions on the citizens' initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking or not taking that action.

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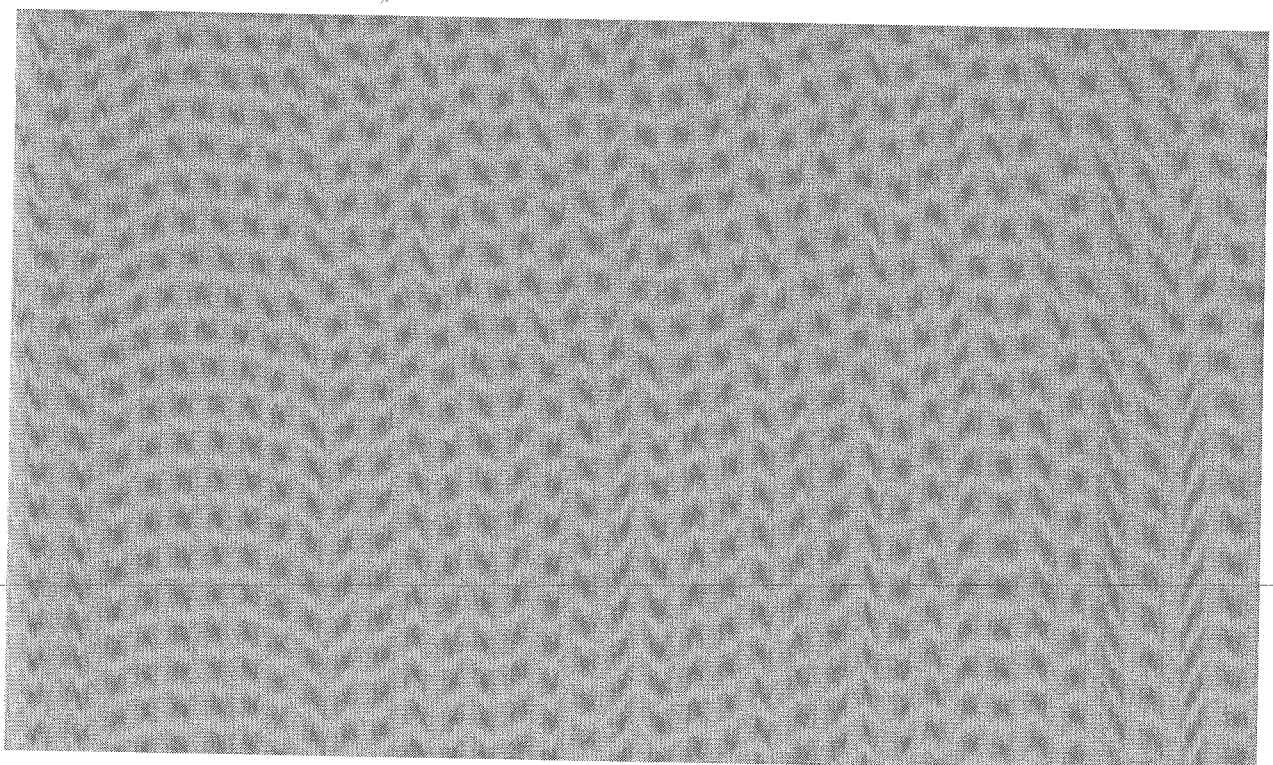
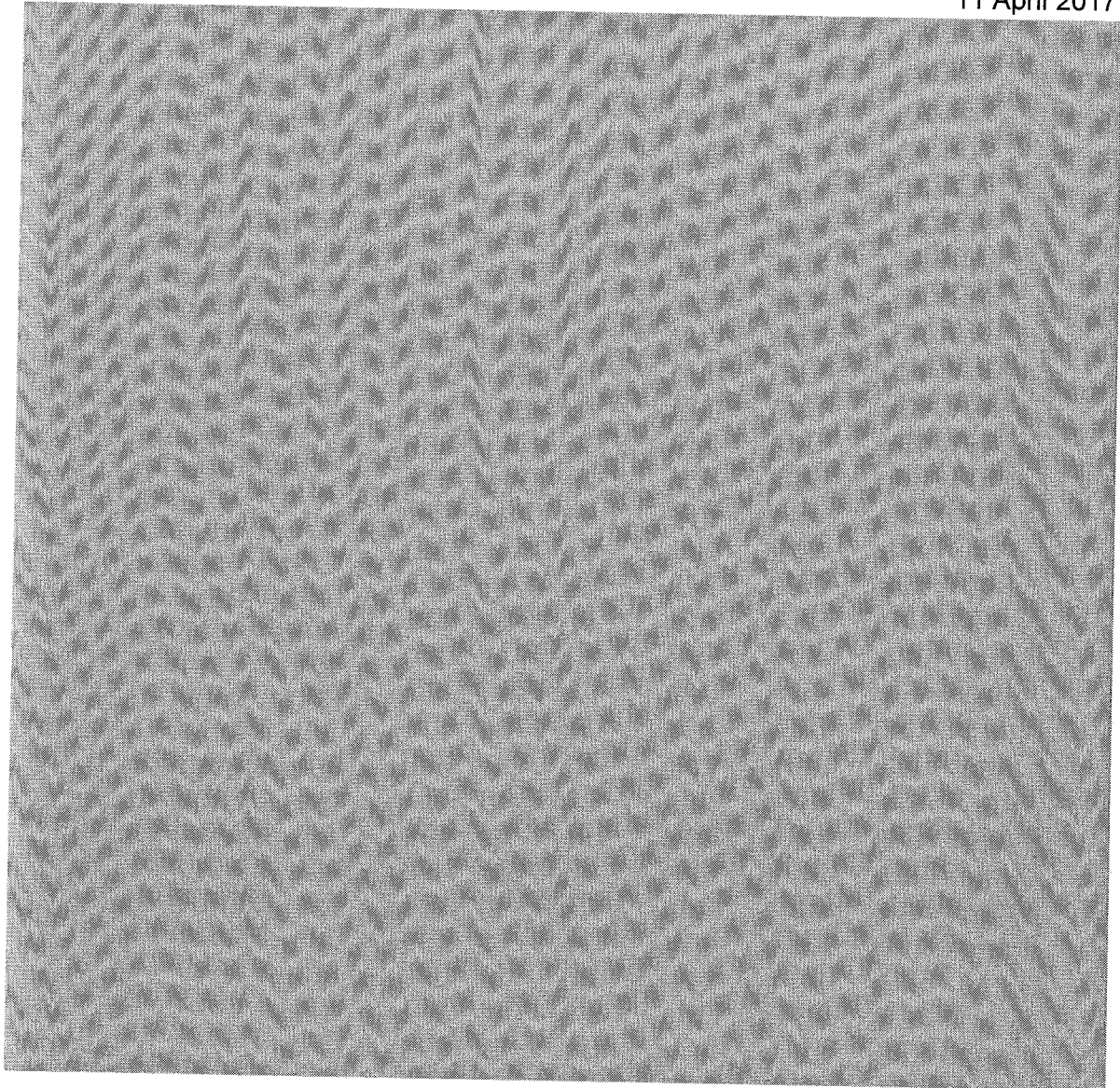
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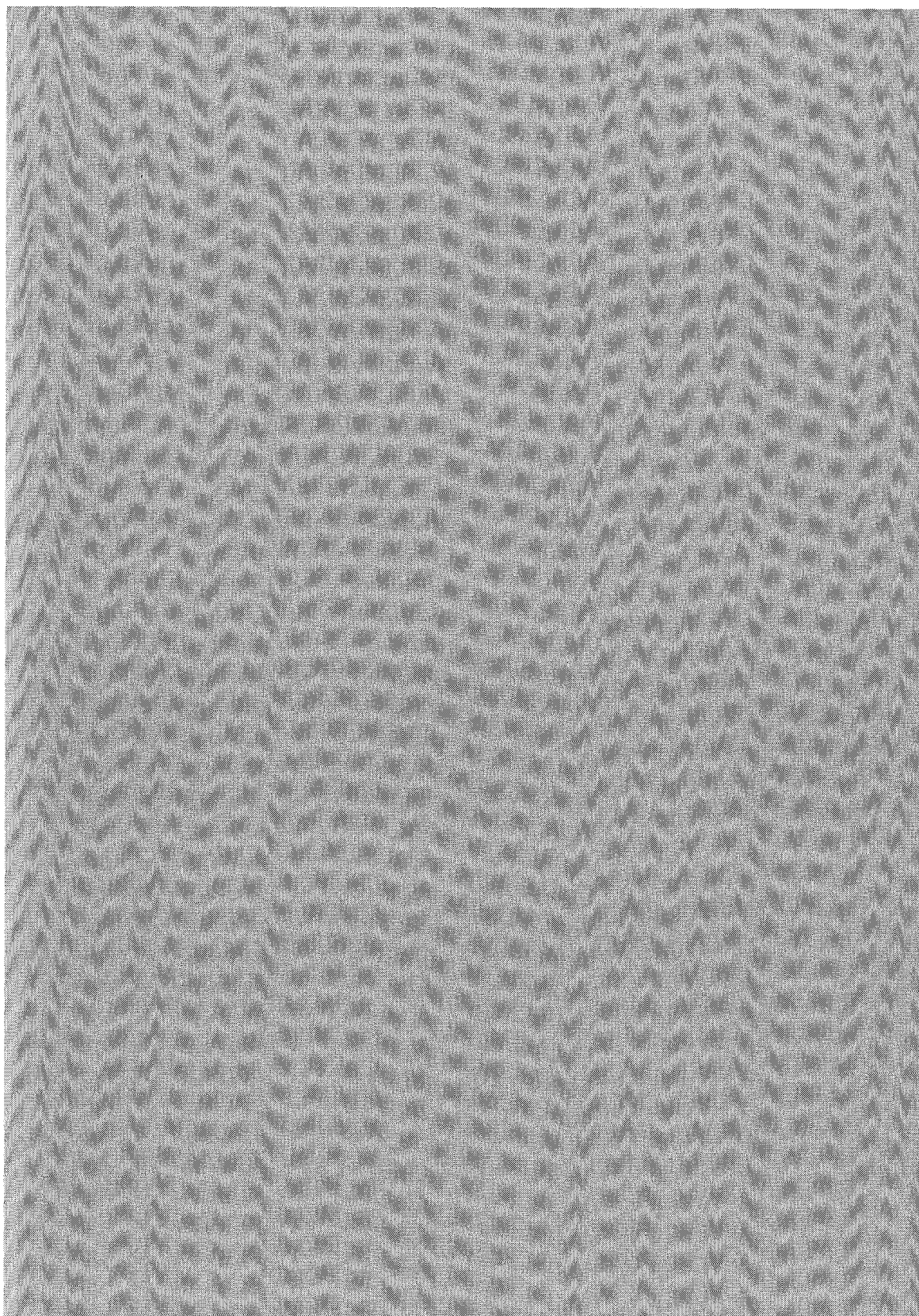
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- The Commission has registered several new initiatives over the past months which have already started the collection of statements of support phase (i.e. " Ban glyphosate and protect people and the environment from



toxic pesticides"; " [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
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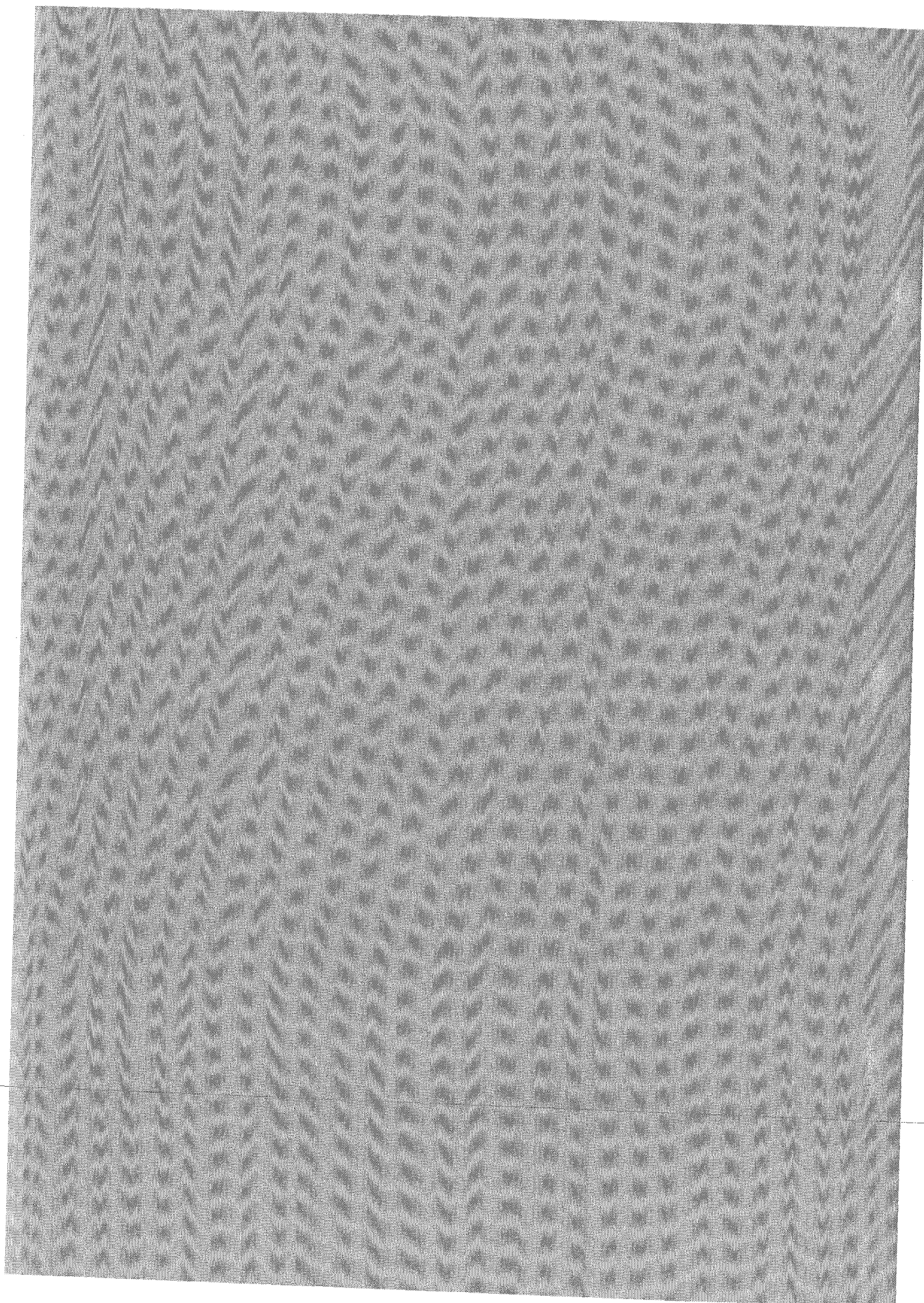
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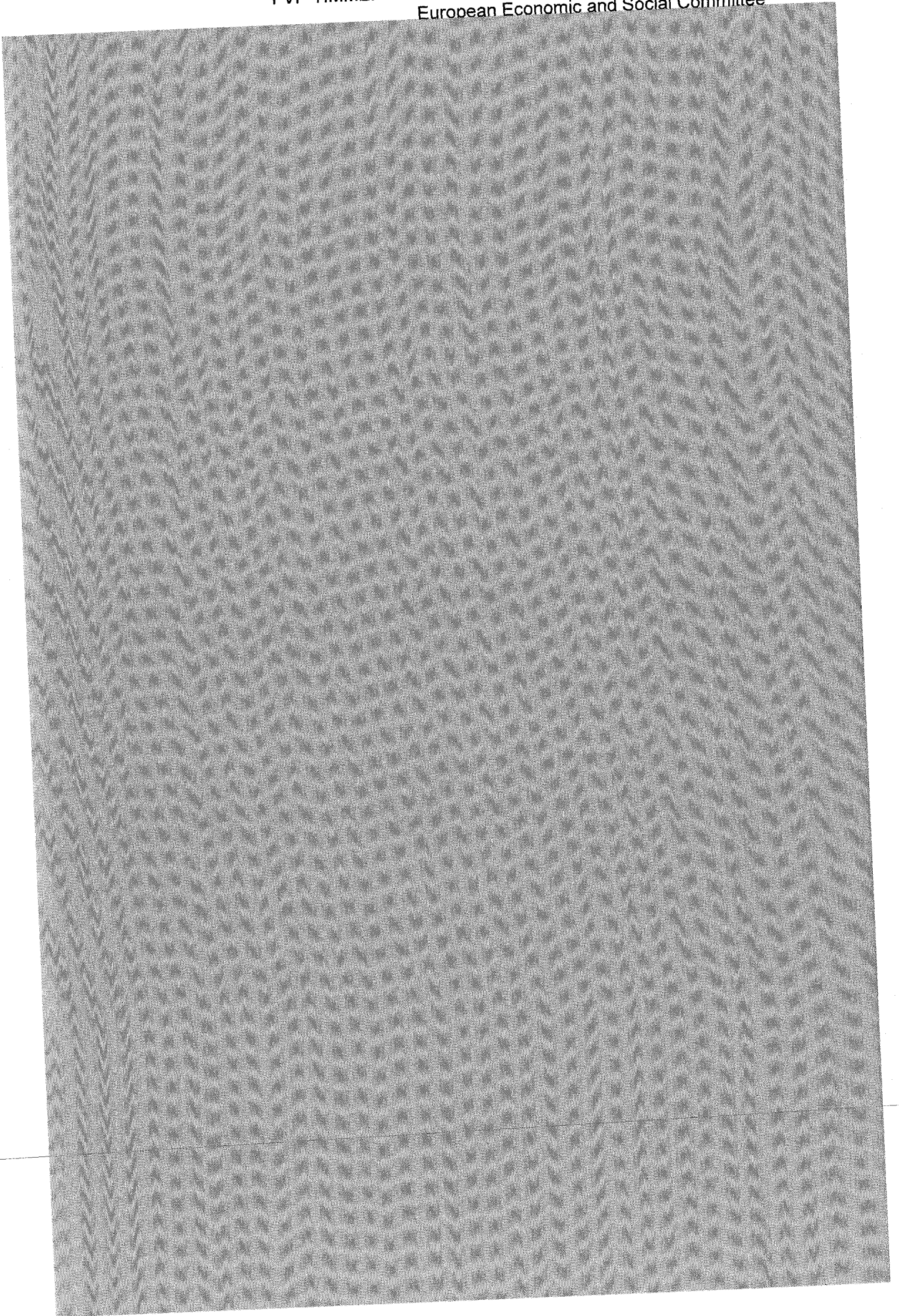
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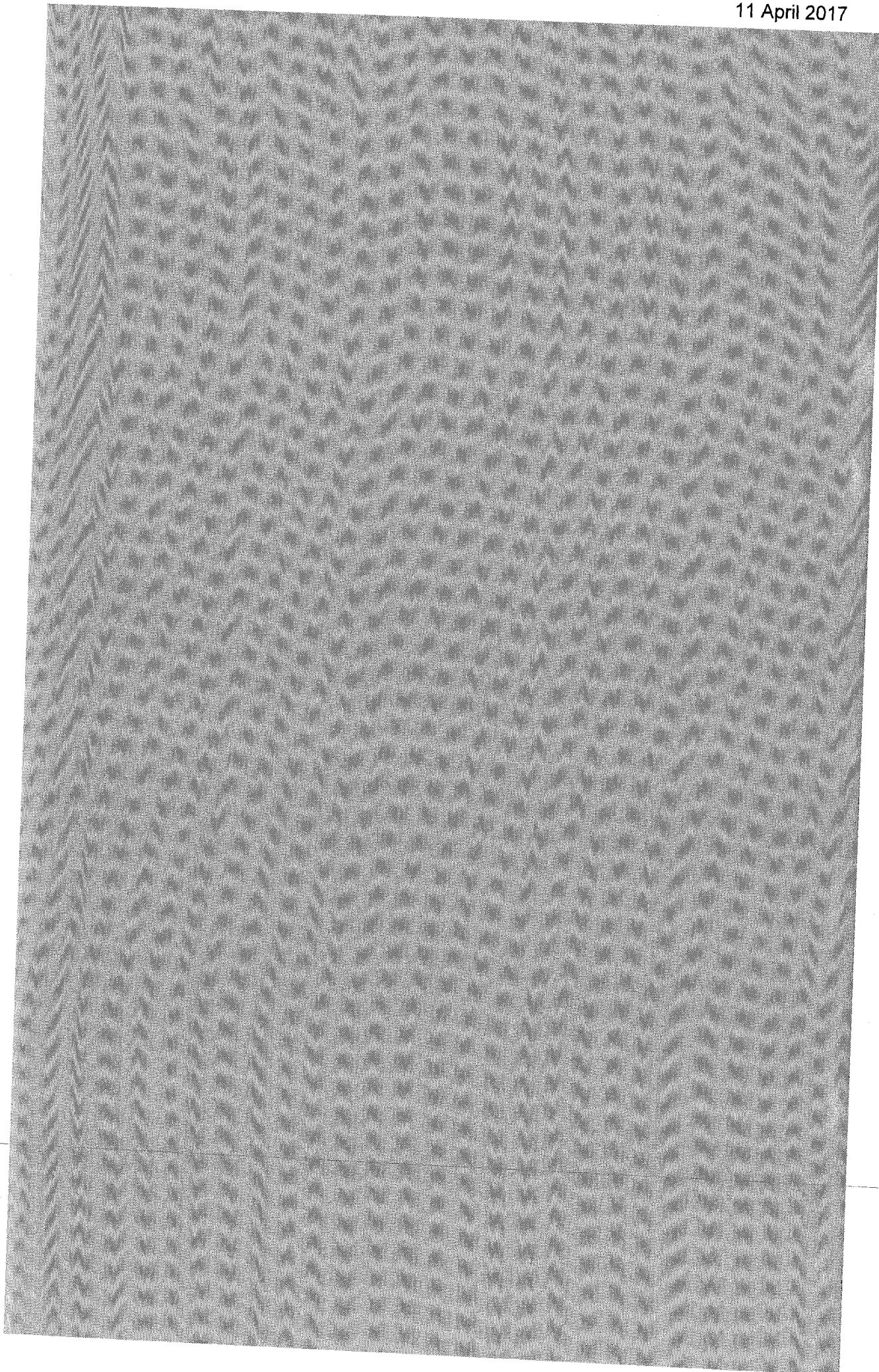
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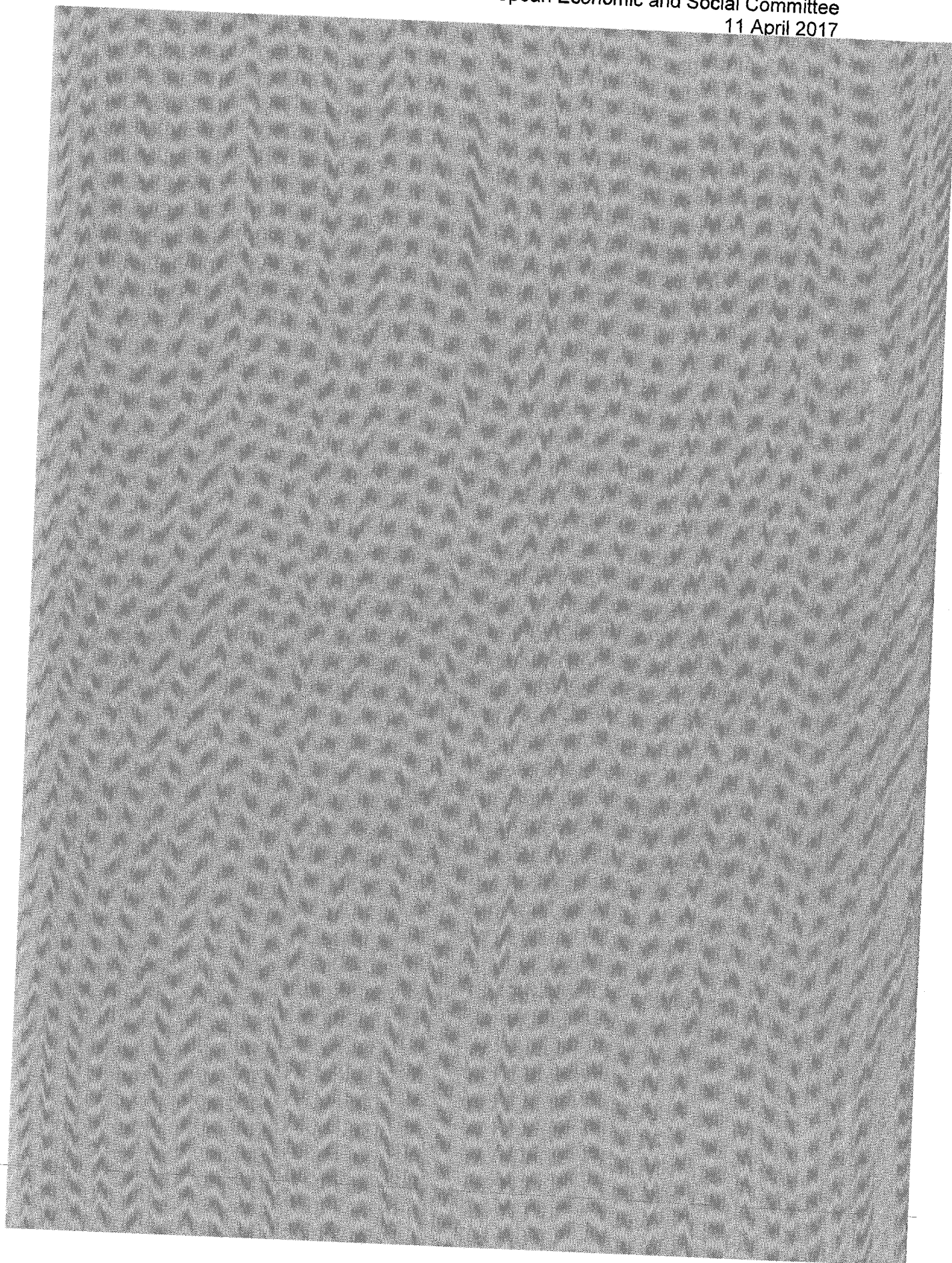




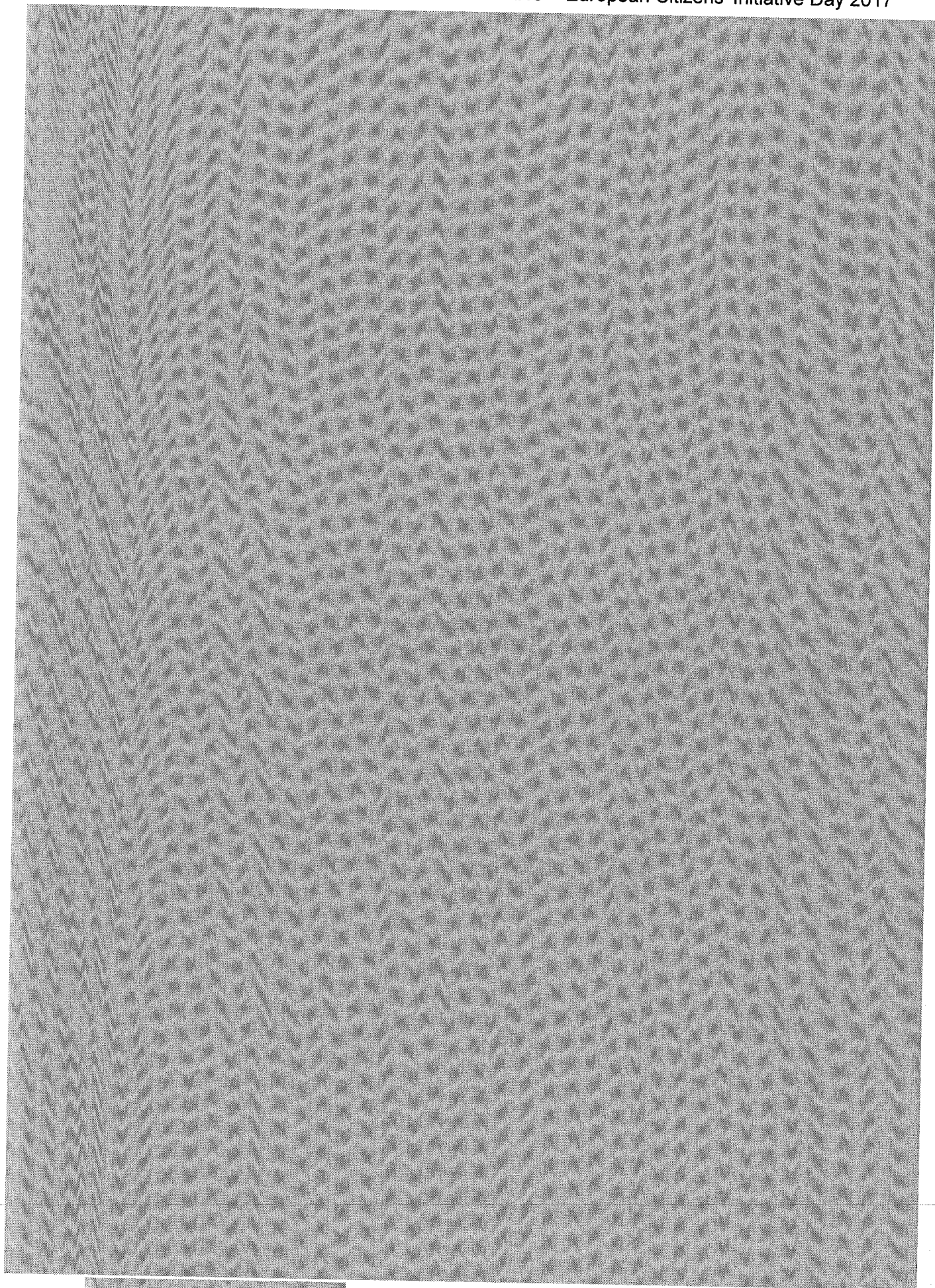
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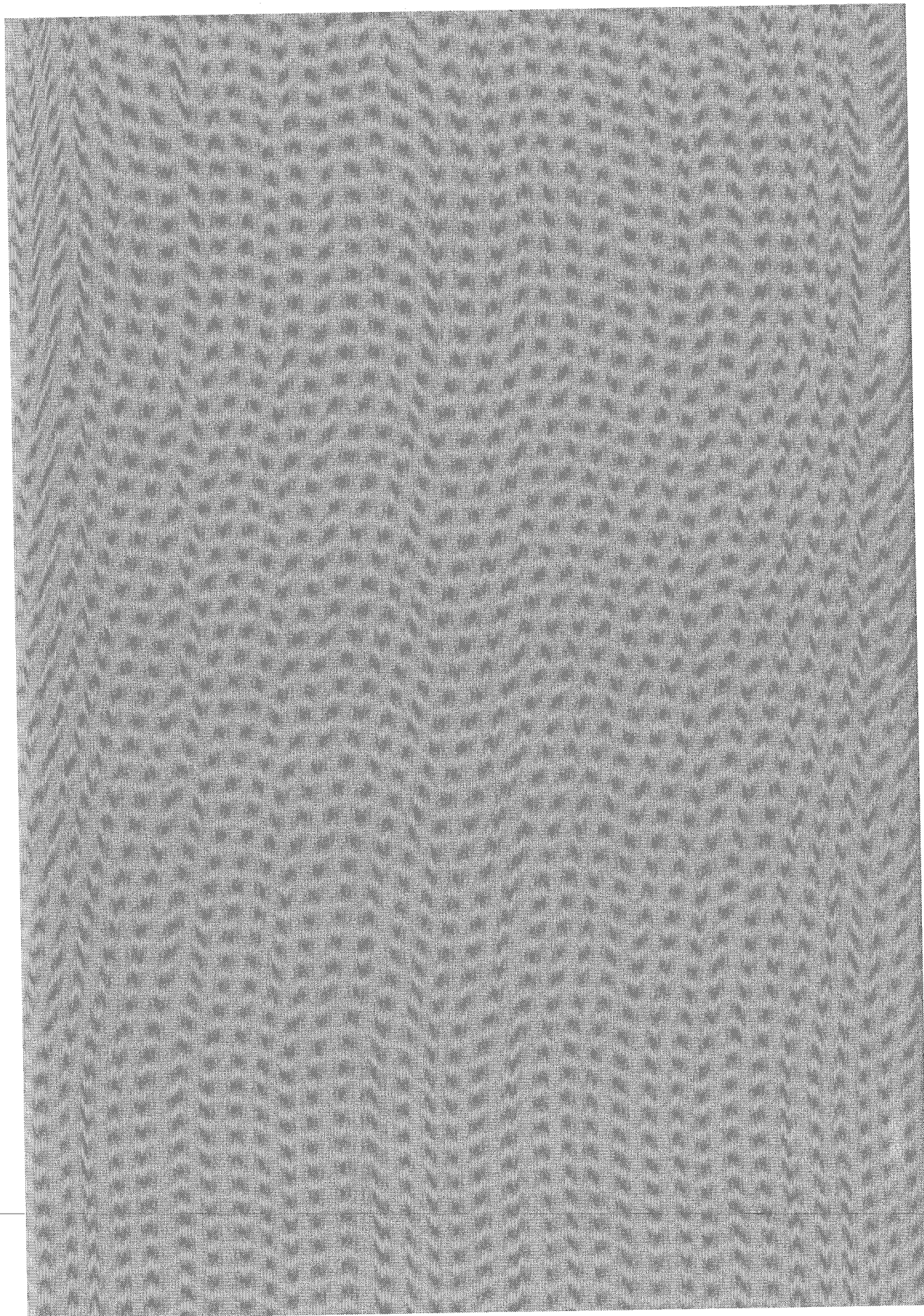






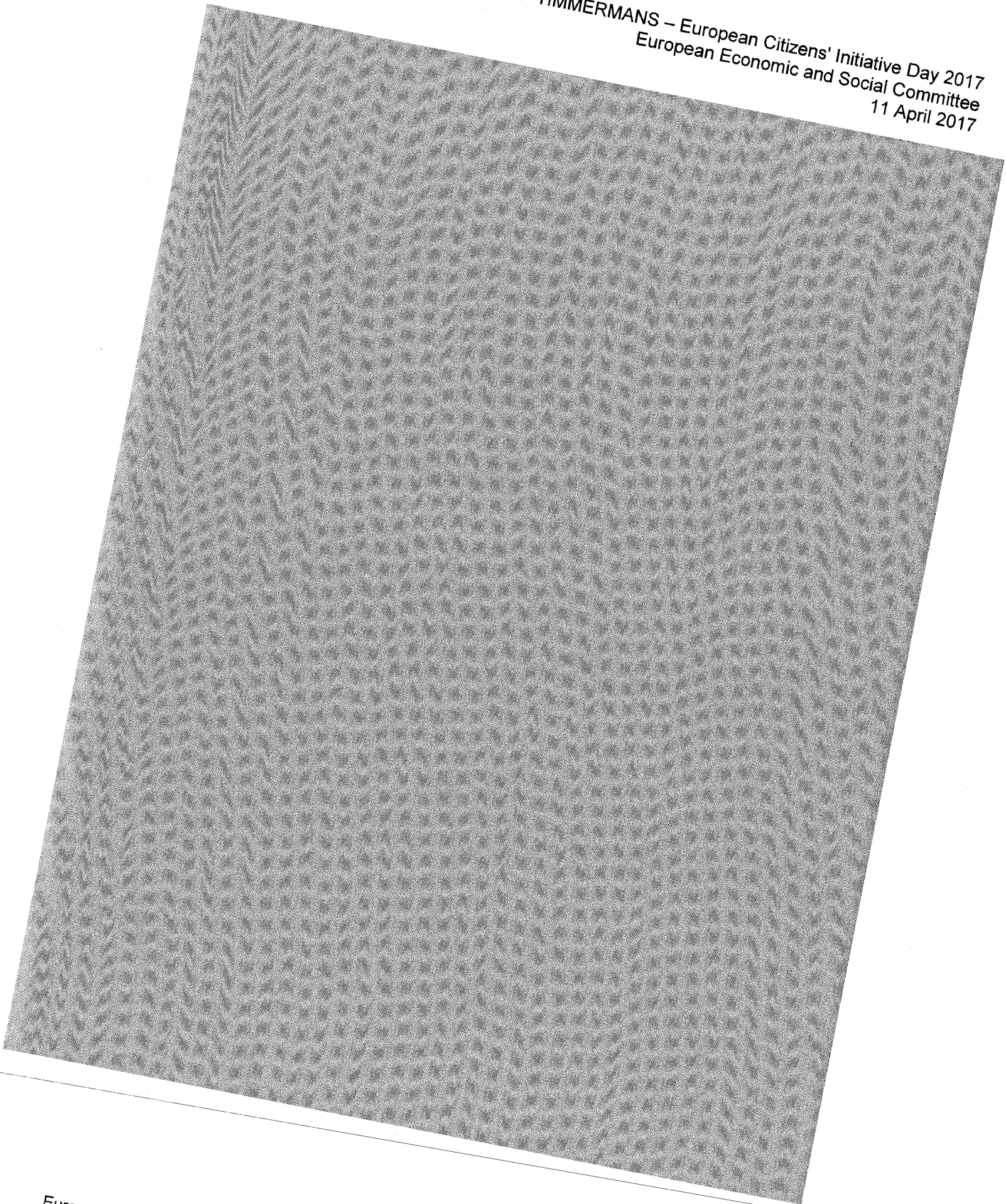








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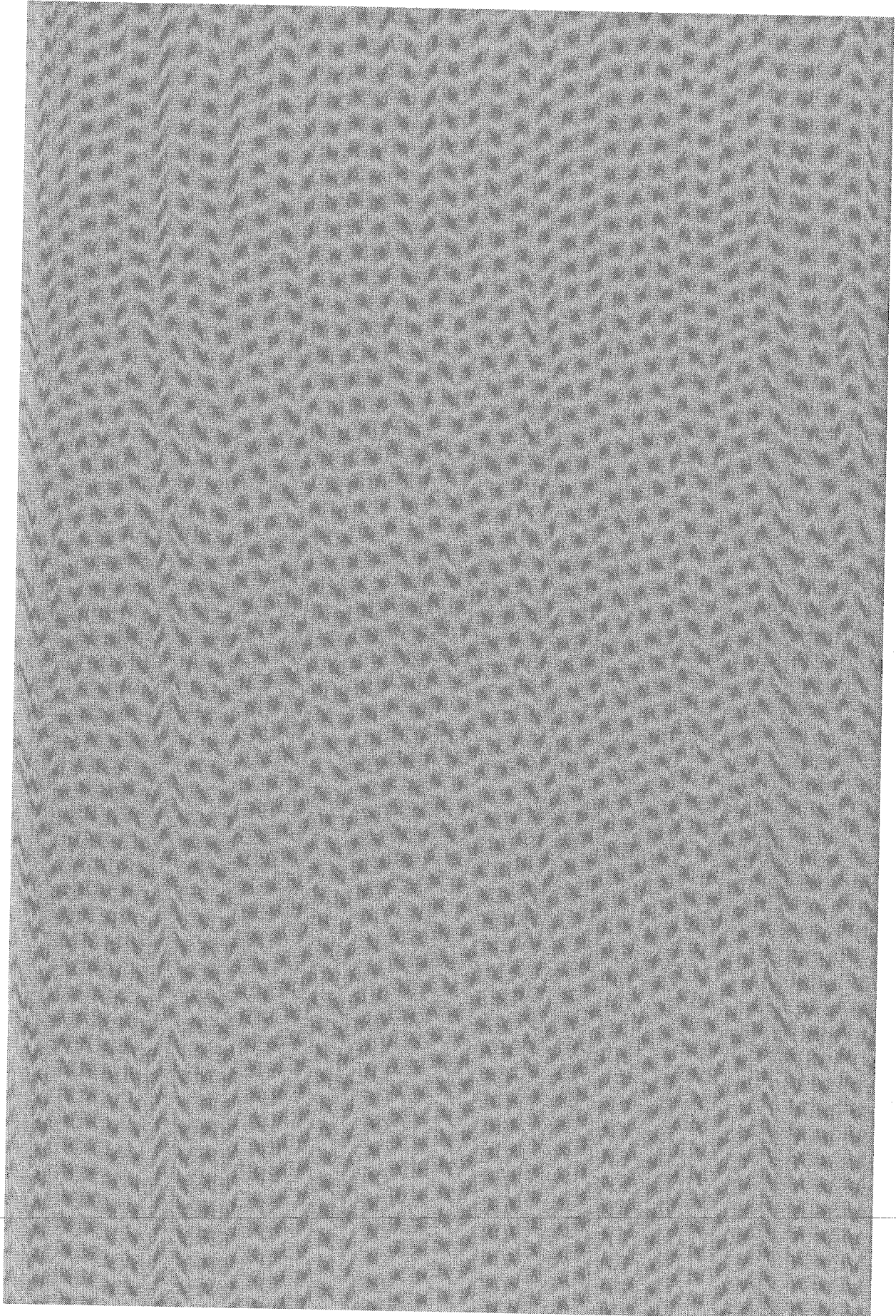
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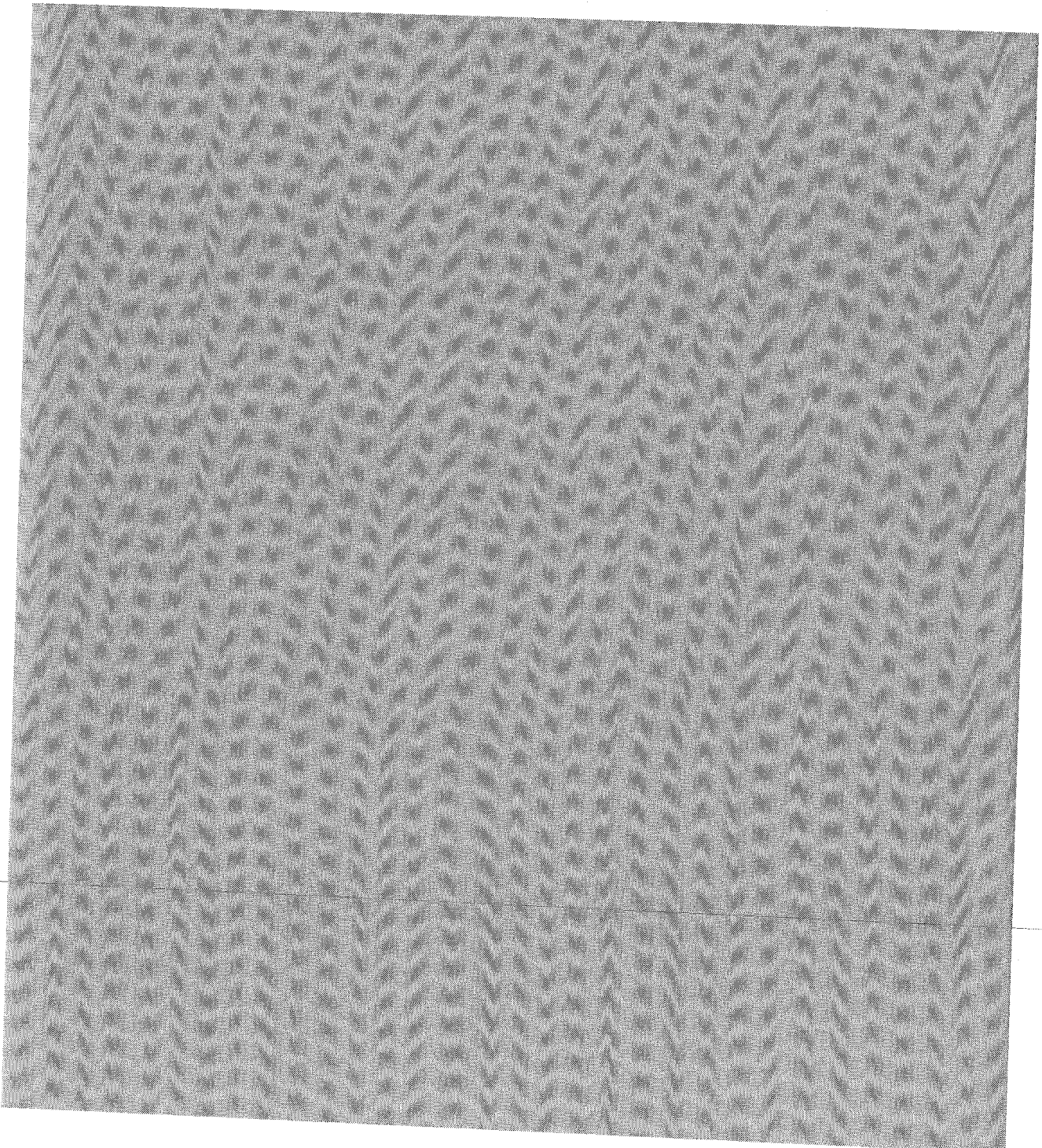
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**- "Ban glyphosate and protect people and the environment from toxic pesticides"**  
(Date of registration: 25/01/2017- Deadline: 25/01/2018)

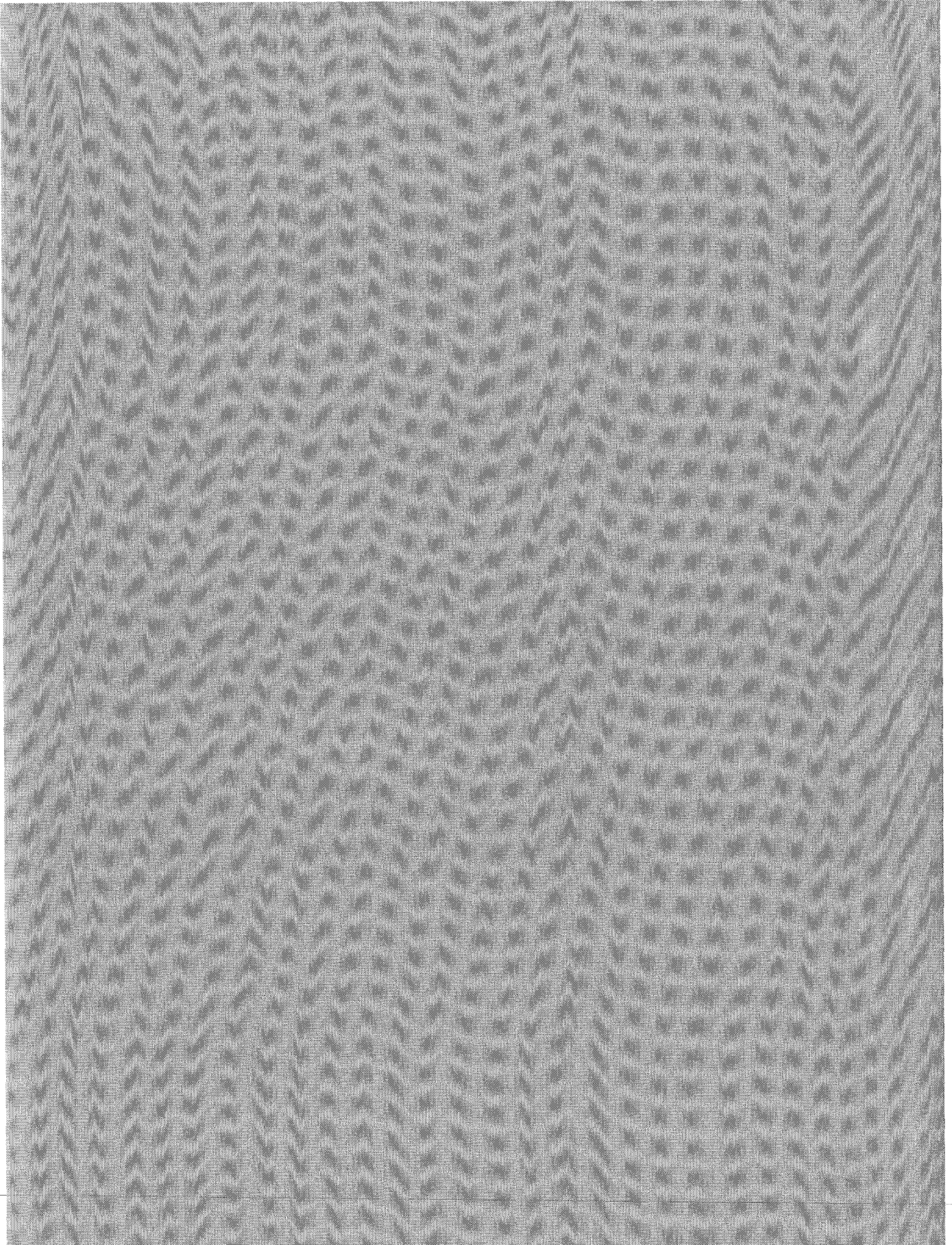
- Subject-matter: We call on the European Commission to propose to member states a ban on glyphosate, to reform the pesticide approval procedure, and to set EU-wide mandatory reduction targets for pesticide use.
- Main objectives: Ban glyphosate-based herbicides, exposure to which has been linked to cancer in humans, and has led to ecosystems degradation; ensure that the scientific evaluation of pesticides for EU regulatory approval is based only on published studies, which are commissioned by competent public authorities instead of the pesticide industry; set EU-wide mandatory reduction targets for pesticide use, with a view to achieving a pesticide-free future.







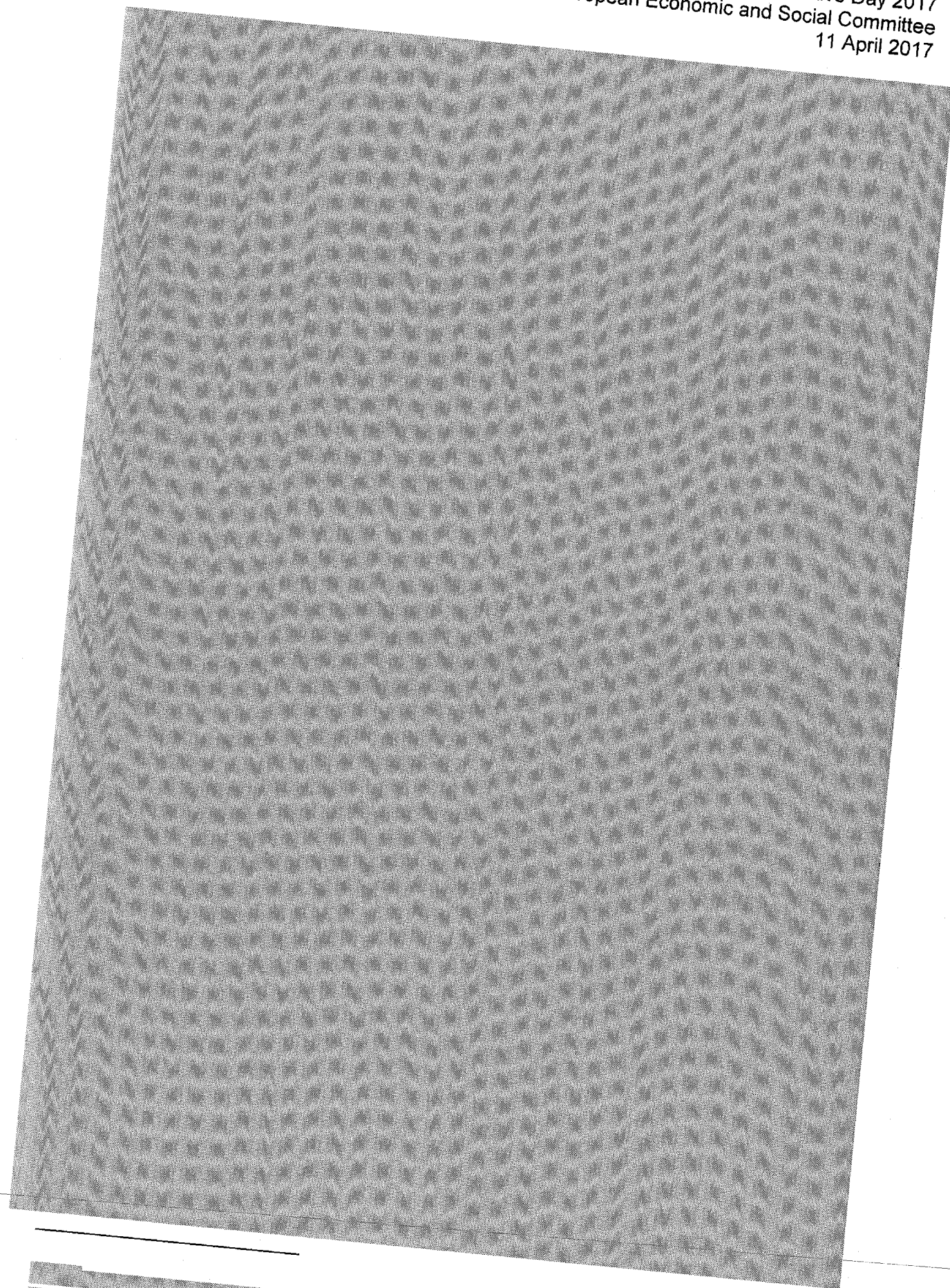




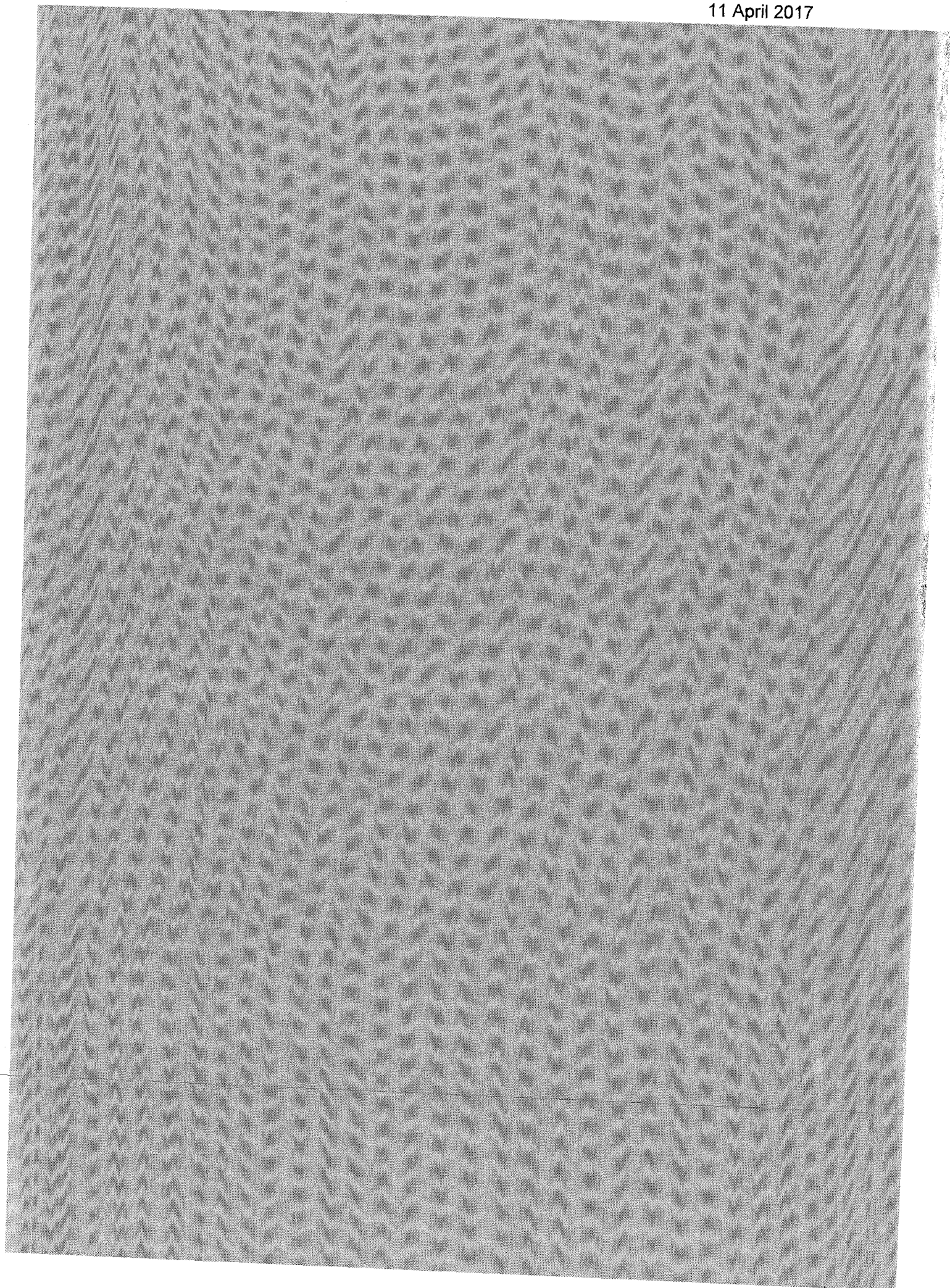
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