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Compact's negotiation." While this occasion marks the culmination of over two years of intensive

Mr. President,

The phenomenon of large movements of migrants has re-emerged in recent years, posing challenges and opportunities. The Bahamas

large movements of migrants, in particular,

continues to experience significant inflows from the United States and Central America.

These inflows have placed significant strain on our resources and infrastructure, particularly in the areas of health care, education, and social services.

Given the scale of the challenge, it is essential that we take a comprehensive and coordinated approach to managing migration.

This requires a commitment to upholding the principles of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which aims to ensure that all migrants are treated with dignity and respect, and that their rights are protected.

We must also work to address the root causes of migration, such as poverty, conflict, and environmental degradation, by investing in sustainable development and providing opportunities for economic growth and social inclusion.

Finally, we must strengthen our institutions and mechanisms for managing migration, including the establishment of a national migration agency and the development of a national migration strategy.

In conclusion, while the challenges of managing migration are significant, they can be overcome through a collective effort that respects the rights and dignity of all migrants, and promotes a more just and sustainable world.

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other provisions in the Compact may prove useful in addressing the challenges we face.

However, much work will need to be done to fully implement the Compact. This will require a commitment from all levels of government to work together to ensure that the Compact is successful.

While the Compact may relate

to migration – our island chain remains extremely vulnerable

to climate change and sea level rise. We also note that there are some elements of the Compact that are not compatible with our national context, and that knowledge

engagement

is critical to the success of the Compact.

The Compact is a significant step forward in addressing the challenges we face. It is important that we continue to engage in the dialogue, study and apply the Compact to ensure its success. This will require a commitment from all levels of government to work together to ensure that the Compact is successful.

Mr. President,

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