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It is a pleasure to congratulate you and all of our distinguished guests to celebrate, I may say, the fruitful outcome of the 2018 UN Climate Change Conference in Bonn, Germany. We have made significant progress in the last year in addressing climate change and its impacts. However, we must do more to address the urgent issue of climate migration. This is particularly true for small island states like mine, which are already facing the brunt of climate change. The Special Report on the Impacts of Global Warming, published by the 2018 IPCC, clearly shows that global warming is causing sea levels to rise, which is leading to increased flooding and coastal erosion. This is already having a significant impact on our way of life and our environment. We must take action now to prevent further climate change and protect our planet for future generations.

6. The Compact provides a framework to develop a comprehensive regime for people compelled to leave their countries because of the adverse effects of climate change.

Instrument and implementation

Implementation

III. The three main areas of implementation are:

• International cooperation on climate change

• National implementation

• Other international mechanisms

We must recognize and respect knowledge, cultures and

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