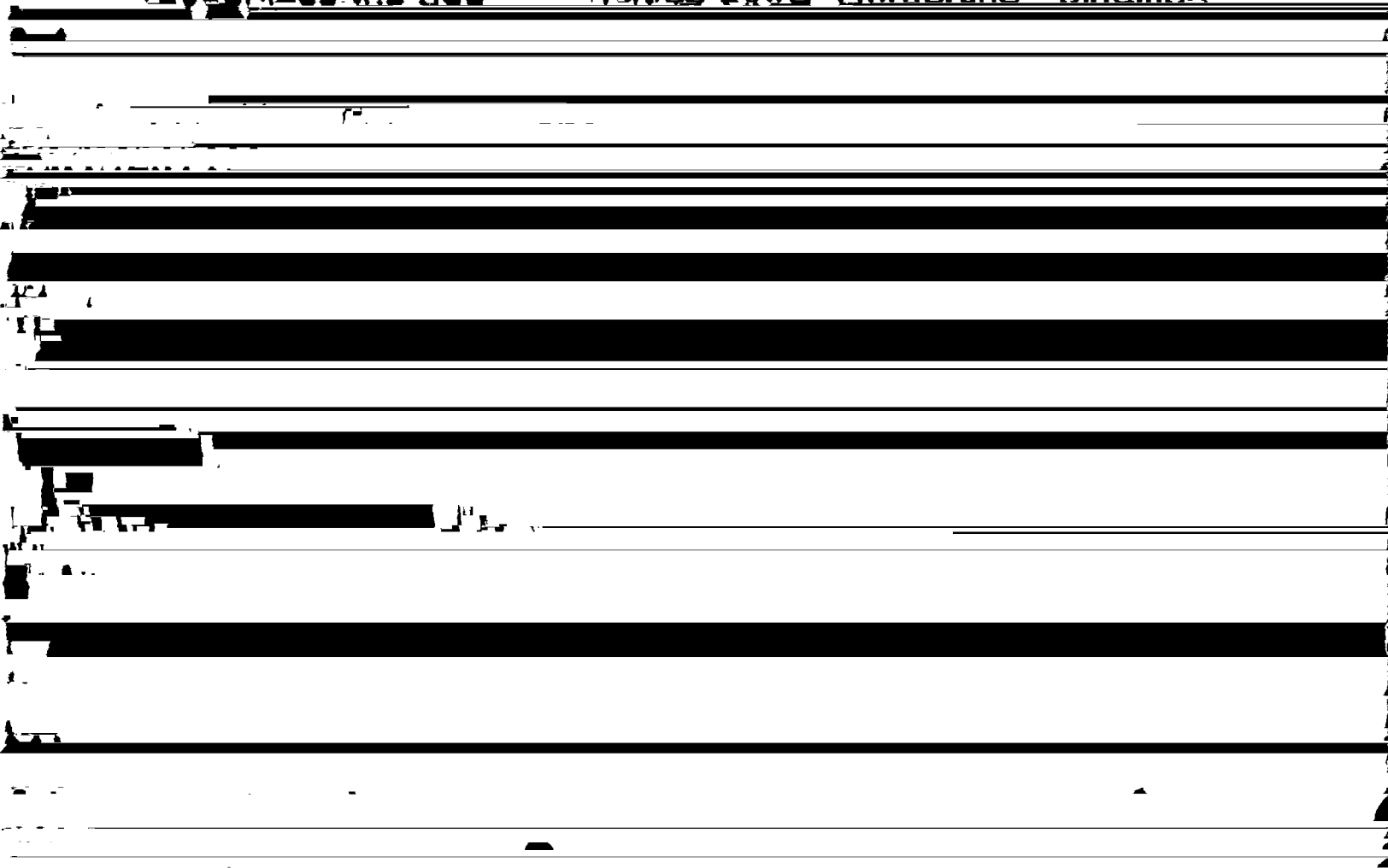


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Good afternoon, your Excellencies, honourable ministers, distinguished guests.

In adopting the New York Declaration today, Canada recognizes the need to develop more "Humaine" dignified



refugees and migrants.

But collectively, we have much work to do to deliver on our commitment to "leave no one behind."

It is UNacceptable that more than 50,000 individuals have

For those who survive these journeys, life is often an uphill battle. While they may physically arrive in countries of destination, they often remain on the outside.

- Detention.
- Physical, mental and gender-based violence.
- Stress and trauma.
- Inability to attend school or work legally.
- Health complications.

These are just some of the challenges that refugees and migrants experience on a daily basis.

As we know, women and unaccompanied children are



particularly vulnerable.

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safety.

To do its part, Canada wants to do things differently.

First, we are targeting the root causes of these problems.

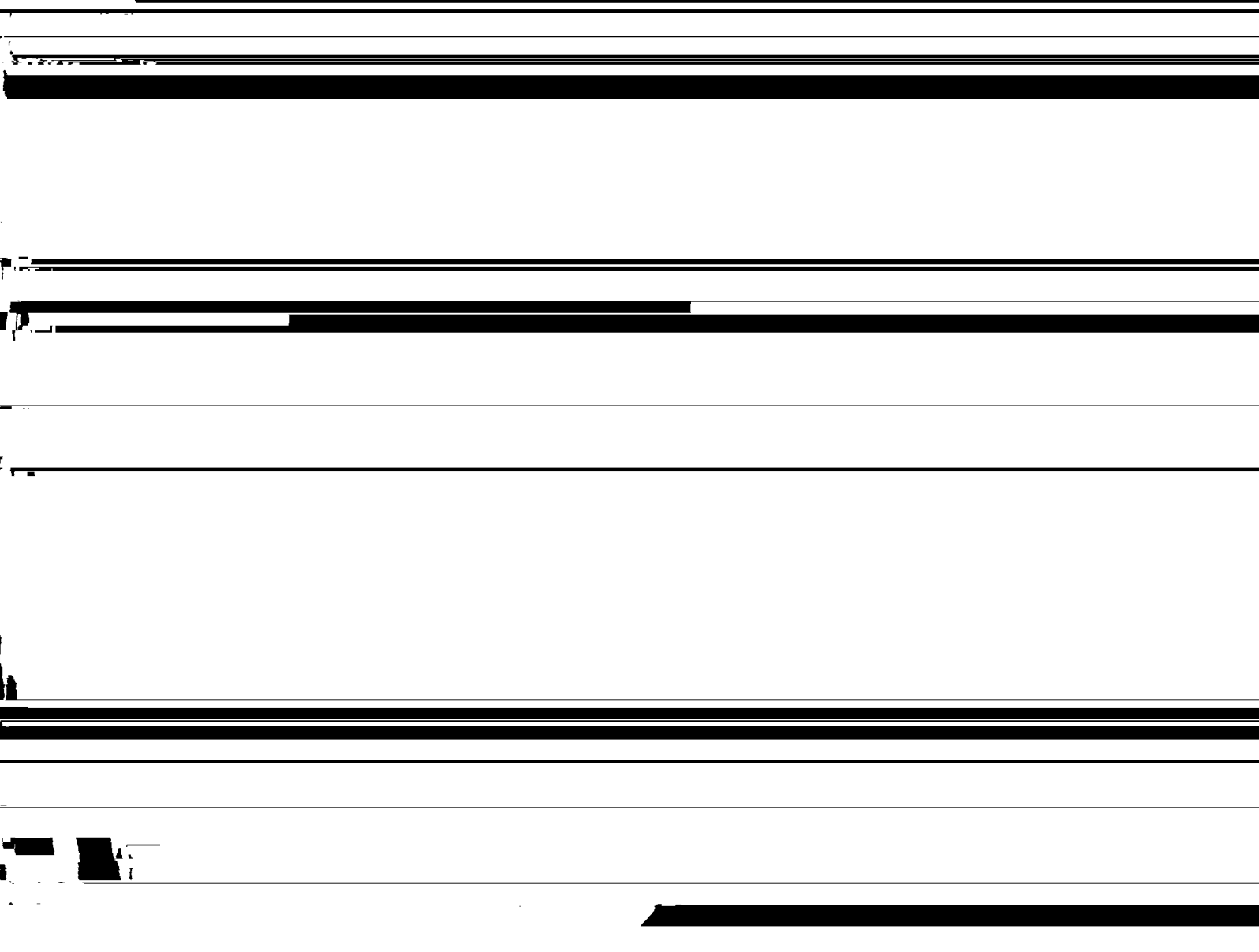
For example, in Central America, Canada is working to keep children safe and connected to their communities by

preventing irregular migration. We are doing this through:

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Second, we contribute to the protection of the human rights of migrants.

In Haiti, Canada is working with the International Organization



for Migration to prevent human trafficking of women and children and to better protect them, especially in border areas.

We are doing this by:

- Strengthening the government's ability to better support

In Southeast Asia, we are collaborating with governments, the private sector, and civil society to reduce exploitation so that workers have:

- decent wages,
- improved working conditions, and
- access to social protection and employment.

Across all of its work, Canada will now focus on the rights of women and girls everywhere. This is not just because they are more vulnerable but because we believe they are also powerful agents of change and that they **MUST** be part of any

solution.

I want to conclude my remarks by highlighting that human dignity must be at the center of our approach.

Whether individuals are on the move trying to find a better life for themselves and their families, or fleeing persecution and conflict, migrants deserve to be treated with **dignity** and **respect**.

When given the chance, migrants are positive and meaningful
contributors to their host societies

Thank you.