

**U.S. Statement  
Regarding the Secretary-General's Reports  
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Mr. Chairman, since this is my first time taking the floor, let me say that the United

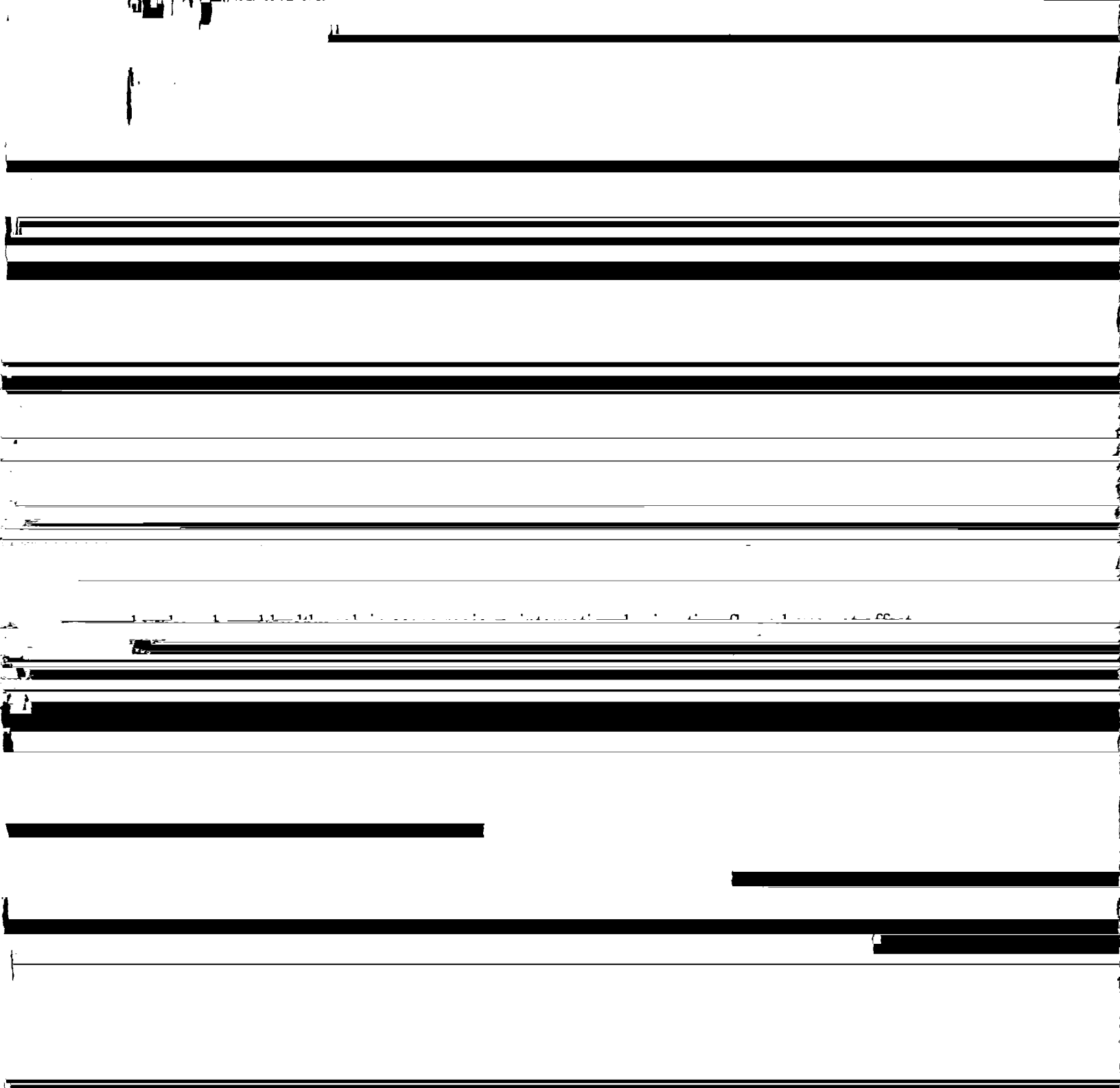
this 39<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission. My delegation would like to offer comments on the three Reports of the Secretary General presented yesterday.

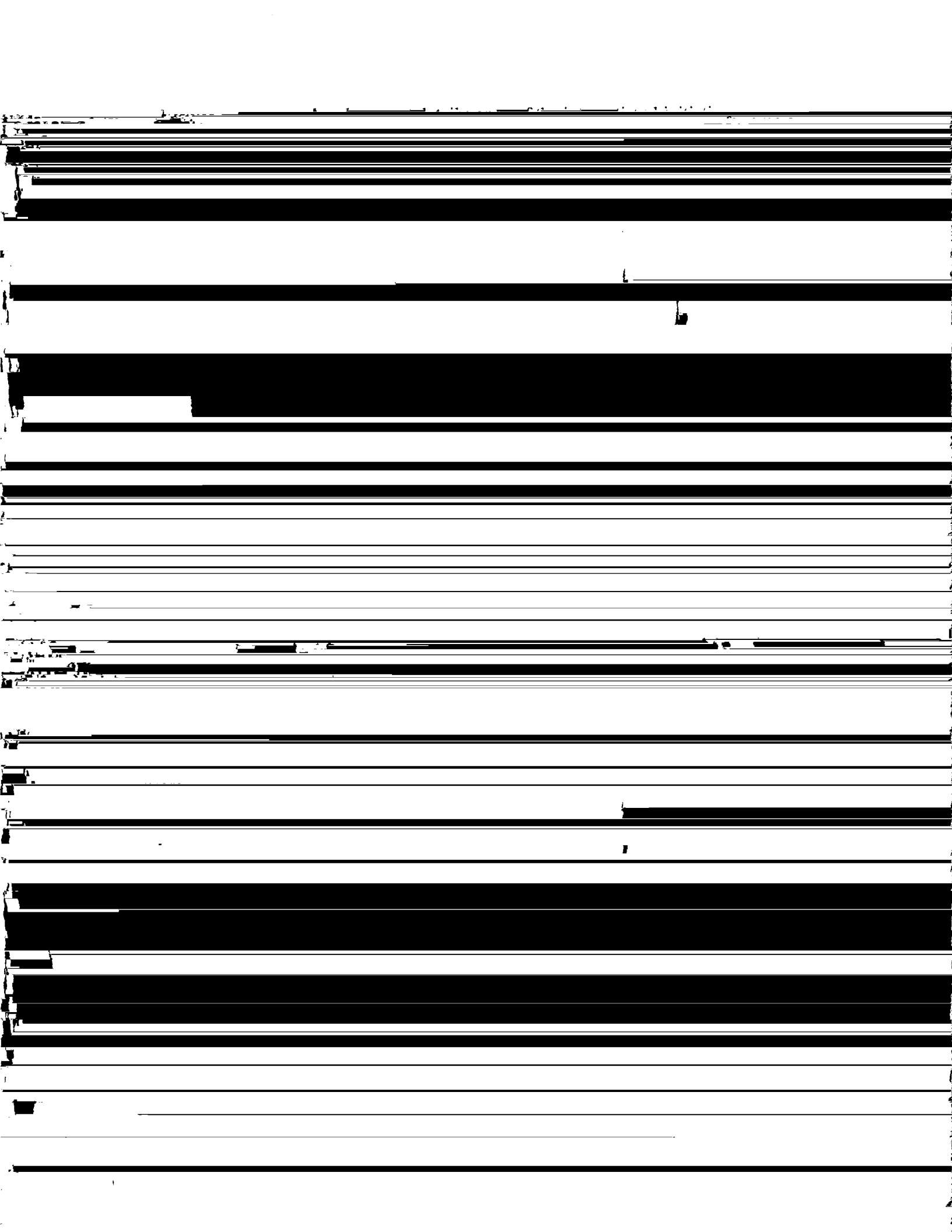
The United States notes that the report entitled "World Population Monitoring, Focusing on International Migration and Development" covers a wide range of issues related to population and migration. Migration is of course a very important issue to the United States, as immigration

Protocols in December of 2005. We encourage other states in the region that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the Convention and its two protocols.

My delegation commends the analysis, in the Secretary General's report on World Population Monitoring, of the demographic and social aspects of international migration. We

note that migration has become the major driving force behind population growth in the







**United States Statement on  
National Experiences with Migration and Development  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman for this opportunity to reaffirm the United States'

commitment to the protection of migrants and to highlight our national experience with

national identity. The United States believes that while migration has clear benefits for all concerned, these benefits can be maximized only when migration is managed effectively. We encourage humane and orderly migration through legal channels.

Irregular migration, however, remains a pressing concern. Irregular migration places

individuals at great risk. It makes migrants, particularly women and children, vulnerable

society. Helping immigrants become productive members of our country is a task shared  
by civic organizations, faith based groups, and businesses as well as federal, state and

Department of Homeland Security was established in May of 2003 and has made tremendous progress in continuing to secure America's promise as a nation of immigrants. This office is responsible for providing accurate and useful information on immigration benefits, promoting an awareness and understanding of U.S. citizenship, and ensuring the integrity of the immigration system. The office has a network of 250 local offices around the country processing 30,000 applications for immigration benefits every day. Each work day these offices also issue 7,000 green cards, grant asylum to 80

individuals already in the United States, and welcome 3,000 new citizens, 3,000 new permanent residents and some 200 refugees from around the world.

Let me conclude by again quoting President Bush on the topic of migration and integration: "This is a land in which foreigners who respect the laws are welcomed as contributors to American culture not feared as threats. The United States has been