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Statement

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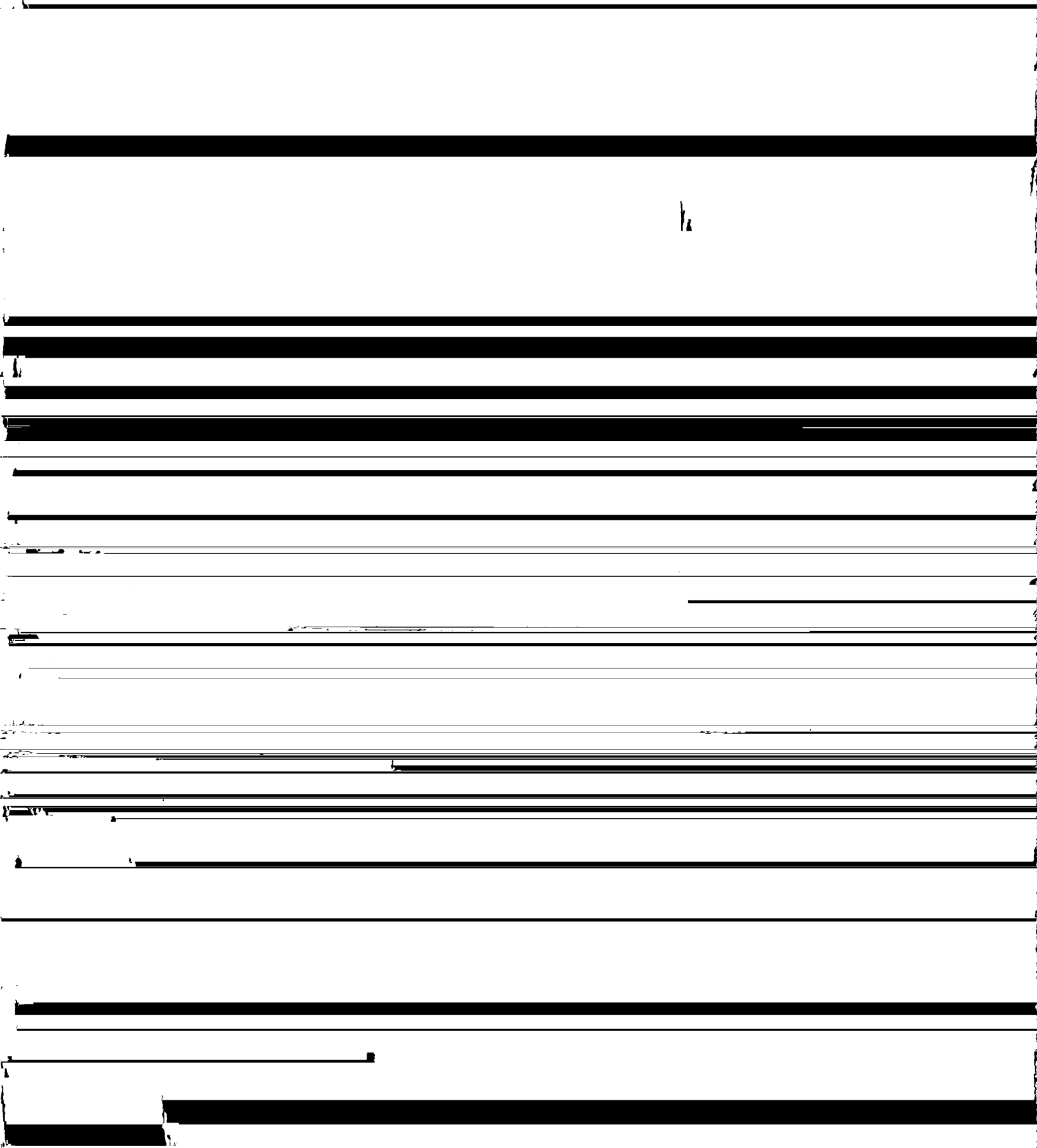
Commission on Population and Development

Agenda Item 4: General Debate on national experience in population

and international migration and development

Mr. Chairman,

~~1. The first of the two main points of the Third Deliberation is that the~~



the case for Thailand where there are currently over 2.2 million illegal migrants in the country. Faced with this huge challenge, we have since 2004 embarked on a regularization policy by encouraging employers to persuade their employees who have entered the country illegally to

come forward and register themselves with the authorities. Through this arrangement the

migrants would be allowed to stay and work temporarily in the country while benefiting from rights and basic services equal to those being enjoyed by their Thai counterparts.

international organizations involved in different aspects of migration. However, we believe that greater coherence at the global level is necessary to ensure that development potentials of international migration will be optimally harnessed, and dignity, rights and safety of migrants effectively guaranteed. The said governance framework should seek to build on existing network of arrangements, each of which address particular aspects of migration in particular region.

16. In concluding, I wish to inform the Commission that the Thai Government, in collaboration with APC, UNHCR and IOM, will host a Regional Workshop on the implications of the Report of the Global Commission on International Migration (GCIM) on Asia and Pacific and for the High-Level Dialogue. The Workshop will be held in Bangkok from 26 to 28 April 2006, and will involve representatives from 33 countries. We are confident that the Workshop would help strengthen coordination and partnership among countries in the region and ensure that views from Asia-Pacific are well reflected in the High-Level Dialogue.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
