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

negotiations, it is also a moment to reflect on the challenges ahead.

First, the Compact must continue to build upon its strengths and address its weaknesses.

Second, the Compact must remain true to its principles and values.

Third, the Compact must be open to new ideas and new perspectives.

Fourth, the Compact must be responsive to the needs of all stakeholders.

Fifth, the Compact must be accountable and transparent.

Finally, the Compact must be a source of hope and inspiration for all.

Let us work together to build a better world for all.

Thank you.

President Barack Obama

President of the United States

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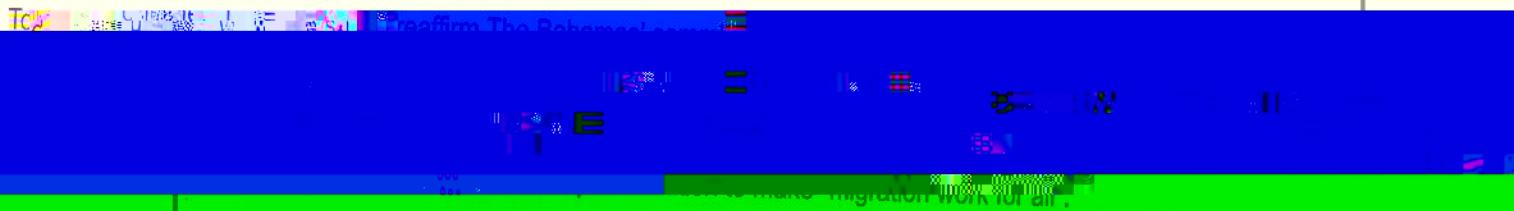
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