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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. – The crew of the USCGC Confidence (WMEC 619) returned to their home port in Cape Canaveral, Monday, following a 40-day patrol in the Windward Passage and South Florida Straits.

Confidence's crew contributed to the interdiction, care and

repatriation of 138 migrants while patrolling in support of Operation Vigilant Sentry and Homeland Security Task Force – Southeast in the Seventh Coast Guard District's area of responsibility. Confidence's crew conducted maritime safety and security missions working with other Coast Guard cutters and air assets to detect, deter and intercept unsafe and illegal migrant ventures bound for the United States.

During the patrol, Confidence's crew hosted members from the Haitian Coast Guard to further enhance key U.S. strategic partnerships and provide critical mission insight into operations within the Windward Passage.

"It was a pleasure to work with our Coast Guard, international and agency partners in the important mission to deter and respond to dangerous migration attempts," said Cmdr. Thomas Martin, commanding officer of Confidence. "The crew professionally executed numerous transits, boat patrols and transfers to safeguard lives at sea."

Confidence is a 210-foot, Reliance-class medium endurance cutter. The cutter's primary missions are counter drug operations, migrant interdiction, enforcement of federal fishery laws and search and rescue in support of U.S. Coast Guard operations throughout the Western Hemisphere.

For more information on the United States' recent immigration measures, follow these links:

DHS and DOJ Finalize Rule to Incentivize Use of Lawful Immigration Pathways | Homeland Security

Fact Sheet: Additional Sweeping Measures to Humanely Manage Border | Homeland Security (dhs.gov)

Fact Sheet: U.S. Government Announces Sweeping New Actions to Manage Regional Migration | Homeland Security (dhs.gov)

Federal Register :: Implementation of a Change to the Parole

Process for Cubans

Federal Register :: Implementation of a Change to the Parole Process for Haitians

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