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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: High-Stakes Summit; Biden Visits the Border]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: President Biden on the scene of the immigration crisis for the first time since taking office. The high-stakes summit getting underway.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; President Biden on the Border; Makes First Visit to U.S.-Mexico Border Since Taking Office]

ROBIN ROBERTS: And, George, now to President Biden in Mexico for a summit of North American leaders this morning. This after making his first visit to the southern border since taking office. The issue of immigration is expected to be at the top of the agenda. Our senior White House correspondent Mary Bruce is there in Mexico City. Good morning, Mary.

MARY BRUCE: Good morning, Robin. Yeah, President Biden waking up here in Mexico City this morning, his first trip to Latin America as President. Immigration is top of mind here at this summit and the President really setting the tone with that visit to the border yesterday. He is facing huge pressure to do more on this issue. With tens of thousands of migrants crossing the border illegally every month, the President knows this is a real political liability for him. So, for the first time he got a firsthand look, spending time meeting with local officials, law enforcement, even spending some time there walking along sections of the border. The President's trying to project that he is on top of this. And he has announced new plans to try and tackle this crisis, announcing plans to expand policies to expel migrants from Nicaragua, Venezuela, Haiti, and Cuba who cross the border illegally while also announcing that the U.S. will take up to 30,000 migrants a month from those same four countries, but they do have to meet strict criteria, including having a sponsor in the U.S., Robin.

ROBERTS: And Republicans are pushing back hard on the President's plan including the governor of Texas. We know he had a message for Biden, Mary.

BRUCE: He sure did. He met the President on the tarmac yesterday, Republican governor Greg Abbott, and he handed the President a letter, outlining the steps that he would like to see him take to fix this. He said the President's visit to the border was too little, too late, that Biden's policies have actually made the issue worse, but the President says the real problem here is Republicans back in Washington in Congress who have failed to act on comprehensive immigration reform, Robin.

ROBERTS: Alright, Mary, thank you. Reporting from Mexico City.