**FWCC Oral Statement for 49th Session of the Human Rights Council**

FWCC (Quakers) welcomes recent statements from various UN experts, including those from the [Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=28194&amp;LangID=E) and the [Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)](https://www.iom.int/news/discrimination-and-racism-against-third-country-nationals-fleeing-ukraine-must-end-iom-director-general) on issues of systemic racism at borders. We want to highlight the Special Rapporteur’s statement “*the reality is that non-white migrants and refugees face deadly discrimination all over the world as they attempt to cross international borders.”*

Racism is deeply manifested in migration practice and policy creating situations of vulnerability and leading to human rights violations for migrants. In light of this, we have released a briefing paper titled ***Dismantling systemic racism in migration governance****.* The paper provides policy recommendations on this issue and highlights the importance of the upcoming International Migration Review Forum. The IMRF provides an opportunity to bring a racial justice lens to multilateral discussions on migration; including incentivizing action on racial justice in national implementation of the Global Compact for Migration.

We urge States, and other relevant actors including the UN system, to [pledge](https://migrationnetwork.un.org/submit-pledges) to review migration policies undertaking a racial justice and intersectional framework, through a participatory and inclusive approach. Identify, analyze and report racial discrimination resulting from those policies and take urgent action.

Thank you.

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