**FWCC Oral Statement for 50th Session of the Human Rights Council**

**Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**

Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers) thanks the Special Rapporteur for her report.

As you recently expressed in your [letter](https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/GCM-Open-Letter-Review-Forum-March-28-2022.pdf) to the Co-facilitators of the Intergovernmental Consultations of the IMRF Progress Declaration, “*migration governance all over the world is deeply intertwined with racial discrimination and systemic racism.”*

Encouraged by your recommendations and the advocacy of many stakeholders,[[1]](#footnote-1) the Progress Declaration, which was recently adopted by consensus, contains a commitment from States to “*eliminat[e] all forms of discrimination, including systemic racism … by reviewing, developing and implementing relevant legislation, policies and practices …”*

Whilst we welcome this language, the stated commitment must be built on with effective action to recognize manifestations of systemic racism and discrimination in migration governance, acknowledge the impact on the human rights of migrants and demonstrate determination to prevent and address this.

What tools are needed to hold States to this commitment and support participatory policy reviews and systemic change at the national, regional, and international levels to better understand the challenges and inform action towards racial justice in migration governance?

Alongside the expertise of migrants themselves what role can you and other and relevant UN mandated independent experts and bodies play to inform, guide and monitor this?

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1. Quaker United Nations Office Paper Series *Migration Justice: Delivering on the promise of the Global Compact for Migration- Paper 5: Dismantling systemic racism in migration governance*. Available at: https://quno.org/resource/2022/2/delivering-promise-gcm-migration-justice-briefing-paper-series [↑](#footnote-ref-1)