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Statement of Bangladesh on UPR of Spain

Spain is a host to rich cultural heritage from the court of the Nasrid Dynasty, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site and subject to poetry as "a pearl set in emeralds". It is therefore, natural expectation that the country would excel as a co-host of the 'Alliance of Civilization'.

Bangladesh delegation finds the actions focusing on the integration of migrants and social protection for migrant children as noteworthy. My delegation appreciates efforts for elimination of discrimination against women and interventions against sexist advertising.

Despite many of such remarkable achievements, my delegation shares some concerns expressed by various treaty bodies, which deserve greater efforts by the Spanish government.

CERD and CESCR expressed concern about persisting discrimination against migrants, Gypsies and Roma community and ongoing media coverage against migrants. Several treaty bodies expressed concern at hate speech and xenophobic discourse among politicians and political leaders. CRC is concerned at obstacles faced by children of foreigners in irregular situations in educational and health services.

We therefore, recommend that the government of Spain:

1. Takes further measures to improve access to education for children of minorities and children with immigrant backgrounds;
2. Fully ensures the safety and economic and social rights of migrant workers, in particular in irregular situation;
3. Takes effective measures to curb racial hatred and religious intolerance, hate speech and xenophobic discourse.

Thank you.

