

**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - 21ST SESSION OF THE WORKING
GROUP ON THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW - STATEMENT
DELIVERED BY THE GHANA DELEGATION ON THE SECOND CYCLE
REVIEW OF SPAIN
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Thank you Mr. President.

Ghana welcomes the distinguished delegation of Spain on the occasion of the presentation of the second National Report to the Universal Periodic Review.

Ghana commends Spain for the various legislative and policy measures taken to address hate crime and discrimination; human trafficking; racism and xenophobia and gender violence.

However, Ghana shares the concern of the CESCR on discrimination against the migrants population and instances of media coverage spreading racist stereotypes and prejudice against certain groups of migrants.

In light of the above, Ghana recommends that considers ratifying the ICRMW (The Migrants Workers Convention).

Ghana also wishes to recommend the following for the consideration of Spain:

- To undertake measures to put an end to ethnic and racial profiling and all forms of racial discrimination
- To re-double efforts aimed at combating violence against women and children especially those with disabilities.
- To promote vigorously the participation of women in decision-making positions both in the public and private sectors.
- To ensure that persons with disability have the right to vote.

I thank You, Mr. President