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Watchdogs or challengers? How changes in social legislation affect the role of social workers in the promotion and defence of Human rights of migrants in Spain Emilio José Gómez Ciriano. Universidad de Castilla-la Mancha. Faculty of Social Work Key Words: Human rights, welfare, migrants Background and purpose: The aim of this communication is to advance some results of a research project which aimed at highlighting how migrant populations in Spain were being affected by welfare cuts. The research is coordinated by MJ Devillard from Universidad Complutense de Madrid and involves ten researchers from three universities (Complutense de Madrid, Autónoma de Madrid and Castilla-la Mancha) The project is funded by the Ministry of Science of Innovation of Spain, and is still running In this presentation, the author will focus on how the successive legislation reforms in Spain since 2010 have left social workers without social, legal and economic resources to promote and defend the user's social rights when they are violated and this situation produces a dilemma amongst social workers: How to act? As watchdogs and controllers or as challengers of the system The communication fits, in my opinion, well, in topic 5.