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Slovakia: Amnesty International launches report on discrimination in education of Romani children Media invite

(Bratislava) Amnesty International will launch a report revealing segregation and discrimination in the education of Romani children in Slovakia at a press conference in Bratislava on 15 November. The report examines the plight of huge numbers of Romani children who are still being placed in special schools and classes for children with mental disabilities and learning difficulties, or segregated in Roma-only mainstream schools.

The report, *Still separate, still unequal: Violations of the right to education for Romani children in Slovakia*, will be presented simultaneously at press conferences in Bratislava and in Brussels.

When:

Thursday 15 November at 11:00 Central European Time (10:00GMT)

Where:

Slovak Journalists Syndicate
Large Conference Room.
Župné námestie 7
Bratislava

Who:

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Note to Editors

Present at the press conference and available for interviews will be representative/s of the Romani community in Slovakia.

Amnesty International has produced a Video News Access Tape intended for use by broadcasters. It includes images and interviews with Roma families living in isolated settlements with no water or electricity, children facing difficulties getting to school, segregated Roma-only school and segregated Roma and non-Roma nursery groups; interviews with a school inspector and a representative from the ministry of education.

Amnesty International has also produced CDs with photographs of Romani children at school and at home intended for use by print and online media.

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