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Ljubljana, 2 June 2011

Dear Thomas,

Dear Commissioner,

Thank you for your letter of 10 May 2011, which is a follow up to your visit to Slovenia in April 2011.

It was an honour that you decided to pay a visit to Slovenia and participate in the celebrations to mark the International Day of Roma held in the Roma settlement of Kamenci on 8 April 2011. Your letter reflects the current state of play with regard to the remaining outstanding issues, and I would like to thank you for that. The dialogue with representatives of the Slovenian government during your visit also focused on the issue of human rights of Roma and served as an encouragement for ongoing and increased efforts to resolve the remaining issues. However, I would like to underline the substantial difference between the Roma issue and the issue of the so-called 'erased' persons, which are not connected and which are being addressed separately. Allow me, Dear Commissioner, to reiterate the firm determination of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to redress the injustice that the "erased" suffered.

Allow me to express my Government's appreciation for your valuable recommendations that will be taken into account in our further endeavours to address the current challenges and to develop new good practices, such as those pertaining to the education of Roma children.

Please accept, Dear Commissioner, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Borut Pahor

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