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**RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND
ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION**

**Report by the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms
of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and
related intolerance, Doudou Diène**

Addendum

Summary of cases transmitted to Governments and replies received

Corrigendum

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Insert at end the new title

THE EUROPEAN UNION

and insert appropriate paragraph and page numbers

Delete paragraphs 48 and 50

After the new paragraph 57, insert the following:

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58. On 19 October 2004, the Special Rapporteur sent a letter of allegation to the European Union concerning the statement made by the Head of the European Commission delegation to Slovakia on the occasion of the enlargement of the European Union on 1 May 2004. According to the information received, on that day Dutch television broadcast a statement by the person concerned, proposing the forced separation of Romani children from their parents in order to solve the “Roma problem”. He reportedly added that Romani children should be brought up in boarding schools where they would be continuously exposed to “the system of values which is dominant in our society”. He also suggested offering the parents a financial incentive to overcome their resistance. He concluded that the result would be a new generation of Roma that would fit better into the dominant society and would be able to truly contribute to the growth of the economy.

Observations

59. The Special Rapporteur regrets that no reply to his communication of 19 October 2004 had been received from the European Union at the time this report was finalized. The Special Rapporteur intends to follow up on the case. In the event that no response is received, he will no longer treat the case as a mere allegation, but will include it in his next general report.