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The Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to latter’s communication No. UA SVK 1/2017 dated 28 November 2017 submitting to the Slovak Republic a joint urgent appeal by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, the Special Rapporteur on minority issues and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.

The Permanent Mission of Slovakia has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the above mentioned communication. By the same token, the Permanent Mission of Slovakia wishes to inform that the communication has been brought to the attention of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of the Interior of the Slovak Republic, the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic as well as the Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Roma Communities.

The Permanent Mission of Slovakia has the honour to confirm that the Government of the Slovak Republic is preparing its response to the joint appeal and will submit it in due time, no later than 60 days from the receipt of the appeal.

The Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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