



## NEWS REPORT

<b>Date:</b>	23 March 2011
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<b>Title:</b>	Official instructions from the Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Greek Supreme Court addressed to local prosecutors all over Greece urging them to combat educational exclusion and discrimination of Roma children
<b>Country:</b>	Greece
<b><u>Context</u></b>	
<b>Issue at stake:</b>	Enforcement of anti-discrimination legislation on behalf of local prosecutors of Greece
<b>Ground of discrimination:</b>	Race/ethnic origin
<b>Source:</b>	Legal/political development
<b>Field:</b>	Education
<b>Legislative provisions:</b>	“Urgent Written Order” (with Protocol Number 720 /22-02-2011) of the of the Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Supreme Court addressed to all local prosecutors of Greece

### Content

**Legal /political development:** As it was publicly announced by the “Coordinated Organisations and Communities for Roma Human Rights in Greece” (SOKADRE) on the occasion of the International Day on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March 2011), the Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Greek Supreme Court, after having received a letter (16 February 2011) on behalf of the above human rights NGO asking him to investigate thoroughly its cases of educational exclusion or marginalisation of Roma children in “schools –ghettos” it has repeatedly and substantially denounced, alleging with a violation of the law as wells as of several previous circulars and other clear instructions from the Prosecution Office of the Supreme Court itself, had issued a relevant “Urgent Written Order” (with Protocol Number 720 /22-02-2011) addressed to all local prosecutors of Greece.

**“Urgent Written Order”:** According to the “Urgent Written Order” of the 22th February 2011 (with Protocol Number 720 /22-02-2011), which legally has the form of an internal instruction similar to an interpretative circular, the Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the Greek Supreme Court officially asked from all local prosecutors of Greece to *“take care of striking the phenomenon of exclusion of Roma from the public educational system of Greece, in a way that any phobic attitude towards Roma children should be eliminated and that their unindered equal - without exclusion and discrimination - integration to all structures of the State should be ensured”*.

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