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**To the Swiss and International Media
accredited to the United Nations in Geneva**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The **Terre des hommes International Federation**
cordially invites you to a
PRESS CONFERENCE
Friday, January 29 th, 2010
at 11.00 a.m.
in the GENEVA PRESS CLUB,
Route de Ferney, 106 – 1202 - GENEVA

This press conference (approx. **40 minutes**) aims to promote a study - carried out in 2008-2009 with **child protection professionals** in **BELGIUM, SPAIN, FRANCE** and **SWITZERLAND** - about the **alarming** phenomenon of **foreign unaccompanied minors disappearing from institutions** where they had been placed by authorities of these countries.

This publication includes **information collected in detail** and **recommendations** to **governments, legislative authorities, the judiciary and social services**. It will be distributed and presented to the participants in English and in French, under the title :

“ Disappearing ? Departing ? Running away ? ”
A SURFEIT OF CHILDREN IN EUROPE ?

Speakers :

- **Mr Peter BREY**, CEO of the Swiss Foundation *Terre des hommes - child relief*
- **Mme Sofia HEDJAM**, jurist at Terre des Hommes, author of the study.

Mr. **Vincent Tournecuillert**, Regional Child Protection officer of Terre des hommes in Central Europe and Mr. **Bernard Boëton**, Children Rights Department, will also be available for any comment.

At the end of the press conference, drinks will be served.

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