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Proposal for unclassified cinema screening

Programme title	<i>Spider Thieves (Niñas Araña)</i>
Country of origin	Chile
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Description of event	<p>Driven by a desire to have all the cool and trendy stuff they see advertised in TV commercials and department stores, three Chilean teenage girls from a Santiago shanty town set in motion a plan to climb buildings and plunder expensive apartments. Word spreads and soon enough they became the notorious 'spider thieves', but the impact of the nation's interest begins to change their friendship and family relationships.</p> <p>Inspired by actual events, this riveting teenage thriller offers a compelling social commentary on dreams, class, and unfulfilled expectations in contemporary Chile. As director Guillermo Helo says, "It's neither a biopic, nor a documentary. It is a story about friendship, disappointments, dreams, adventure, vertigo, companionship, and the ingenuity of these young girls, who at heart only sought to enjoy the things they could never have."</p>
Proposed classification: ages 15+	<p>The strong language throughout reflects the context and setting.</p> <p>Sexual activity is implied, but not shown.</p> <p>Characters drink and smoke throughout. Drugs are present but not presented positively.</p> <p>Despite many verbal threats of violence, there is only one onscreen scene of violence (a fist fight, in which one character has a nosebleed).</p> <p>One of the main characters is a heavily pregnant 13 year old.</p>