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Dear Ms Goodey,

Thank you for your letter of September 19th providing response to some of our concerns and stressing the BP's commitment to respect human rights. We also do appreciate your openness and engagement in constructive discussion with your stakeholders.

We note however that while we were provided with information about the general policy of the BP with regards to human rights, some of our concerns and questions remain unanswered, including the key questions as to whether BP conducted human rights diligence process in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGP 17) prior to taking decision about its engagement in Baku2015 European Olympic Games.

We also would like to stress that while - as you rightly point out - the UN Guiding Principles state that States have the primary duty to protect human, they also clearly state that companies have responsibility to respect human rights (UNGP 11), which requires them not only to avoid causing or contributing to adverse human rights impacts, but also to actively seek to prevent or mitigate adverse human rights impacts that are directly linked to their operations, products or services by their business relationships, even if they have not contributed to those impacts (UNGP13). In order to do so, they are expected to conduct human rights due diligence. UNGPs are also clear that companies not only need to know what impacts they are causing but also to show what they are doing in this regard. While we appreciate your response of September 19th, we feel it is important to state that in our opinion it does not provide convincing and reliable information that BP is undertaking any steps to ensure that its engagement with Baku 2015 does not cause adverse human rights impacts.

We look forward to further constructive exchange, but also to concrete actions on BP's side to ensure that its support to Baku2015 does not result in increased human rights violations due to the funding available from sponsorship contracts. Should you wish to engage more directly

with BPs Azeri stakeholders and explore what actions BP could undertake to avoid complicity in human rights abuses and to ensure that it is not discriminating against those employees that do engage in human rights activities, we would be happy to enable contact with members of the civil society, many of whom had to leave the country due to repressions.

Sincerely Yours,



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