



16 April 2017

To: 'Americans For Democracy & Human Rights in Bahrain',
'Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy' and
'Gulf Centre for Human Rights'

Dear Sirs

Thank for your letter dated 5 April 2017 (but received later) addressed to members of our senior management team.

As you are aware, Formula 1 is committed to respecting human rights in all its operations. As part of that commitment, Formula 1 looks to monitor and consider the potential human rights impacts of our activities. This includes engaging with relevant stakeholders where appropriate and proportionate and as you know, we have met and spoken with your representatives on a number of occasions.

We have a regular dialogue with the promoters of Formula 1 Grand Prix events and Government representatives in Formula 1 host countries in order to meet our expectation that every Formula 1 event is hosted in an environment that supports our commitment to human rights. Our expectations include, among other things, that:

- journalists and other commentators who wish to use the occasion of a Formula 1 Grand Prix event to express their opinions peacefully will be able to do so without reprisal; and
- the host country will professionally train its public and private security officials to use lawful and proportionate measures in respect of any demonstrations around the time of a Formula 1 Grand Prix event.

We have considered carefully the matters raised in your letter and the earlier document that you sent to us and we have reviewed them insofar as we are able, while noting that your allegations are disputed by others. You will understand that we are not a competent authority to determine the facts, nor can we judge whether any local laws have been contravened. Therefore, it is inappropriate for us to comment on the specifics of the cases you raise in your letter.

More generally, you assert that your grievances are linked to Formula 1's presence Bahrain, but you offer no evidence for this and we refute your suggestion. The Formula One World Championship is a global sport that strives to connect different countries and different cultures through the excitement of motor sport. Our partners at the Bahrain International Circuit have put together an event that has attracted race fans and families from across the region representing all walks of life.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sacha Woodward Hill', is written over a blue horizontal line.

Sacha Woodward Hill

General Counsel | Formula 1®