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To: Americans for Democracy & Human Rights in Bahrain  
ARTICLE 19  
Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy and  
European Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Index on Censorship

Dear Sirs

Thank you for your further letter of 22 June 2017.

We are looking into the new allegations made in your letter concerning the 2017 Bahrain Grand Prix and our enquiries are ongoing. We have been assured that arrests made during the period of the Grand Prix have been solely in response to crimes committed. You mention in your letter that you have "documented ... use of unlawful and lethal force to suppress peaceful protesters during the 2017 Grand Prix". I invite you to share that with us to aid our own research.

While you advocate a boycott, we believe that Formula 1's presence in every country on its calendar is positive and a force for good. Sport engages people from all walks of life and plays an important role in uniting communities and encouraging tolerance and acceptance. We believe too that Formula 1's global profile shines a light and brings transparency to the internal affairs of every country that we visit.

We will continue to inform and educate ourselves about matters that are potentially relevant to our business, including the human rights position in every country on our calendar, to ensure that human rights are respected throughout our operations worldwide.

Yours faithfully

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

**Sacha Woodward Hill**  
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