**BP response regarding alleged labour rights abuses in Azerbaijan**

*Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited BP to respond to the following item:*

*- «BP Exploration (Caspian Sea) does not recognize the country's laws?!», Oil-Workers’ Rights Protection Organization (OWRO),  10 March 2017*

<http://www.nhmt-az.org/frontend/pages/actual-inner.php?id=137>

*In response, BP sent the following statement:*

Thank you for the opportunity for BP Azerbaijan to respond. We would like to state that the allegations in the text you mention have wrongly been referred to BP Azerbaijan. In Azerbaijan, BP directly employs   2,785 Azerbaijani nationals. 87% of BP’s professional employees in Azerbaijan are nationals and many of them are in senior positions, including six vice-presidents who are members of the regional leadership team. In its employee relations BP always adheres to the laws and regulations relevant to the topic you refer.