**Total re Facing Finance report investigates abuses by 20 companies & their ties to financial institutions**

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

* "Dirty Profits 4: Report on Companies and Financial Institutions Benefitting from Violations of Human Rights," (pg. 44-45, 71, 74, 76), Facing Finance, 16 Feb 2016, <http://www.facing-finance.org/files/2016/02/ff_dp4_EN_WEB.pdf>

*Total sent us the following response:*

“In response to the 2015 Report “Facing Finance – Dirty Profits”, Total would like to clarify the following points:

Regarding Climate Change: please note that Total will issue a detailed report on its strategy related to Climate change for its shareholders, in addition to other statements. This report will be communicated at the Group’s shareholders meeting, on the 24thof May 2016.

Regarding trade associations: Total engaged a dialogue with ShareAction to address various points related to trade associations. As a result of these discussions, the Group took some of ShareAction’s points into consideration, and updated accordingly its  Lobbying Ethics charter, available on Total’s website: <http://www.total.com/sites/default/files/atoms/files/lobbying-ethics-charter_0.pdf>

Regarding Morocco: the results of Total’s geological studies having not been encouraging, the reconnaissance authorization, which had been extended until December 2015, was not transformed into an exploration license. As already expressed to KLP, Total operated in the Anzarane area in compliance with international law, including the law of the sea, and in line with its Code of conduct, which refers to internationally recognized human rights standards.

Regarding Iran: for Total’s response, please refer to the Group’s Registration Document, page 70, available at: <http://www.total.com/sites/default/files/atoms/files/registration_document_2015.pdf>”