

## Tekst 10

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### Human rights and the future of Formula One

- 1 Last week *the Guardian* reported that Bernie Ecclestone has indicated that Formula One (F1) will have new ownership by the end of the year and that three parties are currently interested ([theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com), 6 October).
- 2 While these talks take place behind closed doors, we have a public message for any potential owners: you have an opportunity to put F1 on track to respect human rights and position the sport globally as a foremost example of how big sporting events and human rights should interact.
- 3 Far from being associated with the values the global public associate with sport – friendship, mutual respect, fair play and excellence – F1's reputation has been marred by links with repressive states and their human rights abuses, primarily through its choice of countries as Grand Prix hosts.
- 4 F1 published a human rights statement in April this year, which was 38 (Formula One reverses human rights stance in runup to Bahrain Grand Prix, [theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com), 17 April). But, given that shortly afterwards it announced a Grand Prix in a country where the already worrying human rights situation had deteriorated rapidly, it remains unclear how seriously the company is taking these commitments.
- 5 Any future owners of F1 have a tremendous opportunity to push the company to build on its human rights commitments and ensure they are followed up by genuine action. This will create a sport the fans deserve and act as an example of how major sporting events can ensure respect for human rights.



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- 1p **38** Which of the following fits the gap in paragraph 4?
- A a bizarre choice
  - B a controversial decision
  - C a long-expected move
  - D a welcome step
- 2p **39** Geef van de volgende beweringen over de F1 aan of ze overeenkomen met het artikel.  
Noteer “wel” of “niet” achter elk nummer op het antwoordblad.
- 1 F1 is being presented with a chance to redefine its international reputation.
  - 2 F1 risks losing fans by locating its events in highly oppressive nations.
  - 3 F1 lost some investors when races in politically disreputable states had to be reconsidered.
  - 4 F1 has failed to convince critics of its support for human rights.