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Dear Dr. Kormos,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 September 2020 addressed to Total Chairman and CEO, Mr Patrick Pouyanné, and to our group biodiversity specialist, Mr. Dickinson, raising concerns regarding the potential impacts of Total activities in Uganda on the endangered Eastern Chimpanzee.

First, I would like to assure you of our very strong commitment to the preservation of biodiversity in the implementation of the Tilenga and EACOP projects, for which we have decided to follow international best practices for biodiversity, namely IFC Performance Standards (IFC PS6), established an independent biodiversity and livelihoods advisory committee, set a Biodiversity Net Gain outcome target and developed a specific Biodiversity management plan and Net Gain programme. I confirm that the protection of chimpanzees and their habitats in the project area of influence has been identified as a key focus area and a pillar of action of the projects' biodiversity programme.

One of our priorities is to work in a collaborative manner with key stakeholders, and we definitely welcome the opportunity of a constructive engagement with IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) Primate Specialist Group (PSG) concerning our plans to mitigate any project impact on chimpanzees. We see that your specialist recommendations can enable us to further enrich our approach.

Our Uganda project team and biodiversity team will contact you very shortly to organize a meeting at your earliest convenience to present the projects, the ESHIA studies and Net Gain biodiversity programme, as well as the specific studies and planned actions related to chimpanzees, and also to benefit from the advice and recommendations of the IUCN SSC PSG ARRC task force in order to further improve our action plans.

Your Sincerely,



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