

7. La Vanoise National Park

Recalling that under the terms of the French law on National Parks, issued on July the 22nd. 1960, these National Parks are divided into a peripheral area, in which tourist amenities may be developed, and the National Park itself, where any interference of this kind is prohibited,

having learnt that the integrity of the Vanoise National Park (Savoie, France) is seriously endangered by the project to remove 2,500 hectares for the benefit of a Winter-Sports Development Company, including the Chaviere Glacier and the Val de Polset, one of the most beautiful areas in the Park and the main refuge of the Ibex,

recognizing that this development coming only a few years after the establishment of the Park (1963), and despite the violent protest raised in France and elsewhere, would not fail to create a precedent whose harmful effects would spread far beyond the boundaries of this area,

calling to mind that the Vanoise National Park was included the United Nations List of National Parks and Equivalent Reserves only with a serious reservation in regard to the fulfilment of the protection conditions,

noting that such serious injury done to the generally recognized principles of the National Park Definition could not remain without consequences in respect of its inclusion on the U.N. List, for which IUCN is responsible,

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urgently requests the French Government to respect the principles adopted in 1963, and to maintain the integrity of the National Park in all its beauty.