

8. The Volcanoes National Park (Rwanda)

Recognizing that the Volcanoes National Park, on the northern border of Rwanda, habitat of the Mountain Gorilla, is vitally threatened by growing deforestation, due to recent plantations of pyrethrum within its confines, displacing pastoralists even deeper into the interior of the Park;

having learnt that these crops of pyrethrum planted on behalf of the European Common Market (Development Fund) are thus damaging the Park's natural beauty, its incomparable scientific value and its increasing importance for world tourism;

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invites the Government of the Republic of Rwanda, as well as the European Economic Community to do everything in their power to stop the devastation of the Volcanoes National Park and to ensure respect for this sanctuary, the home of one of creation's rarest and most valuable primates.