



The 5th International NGO Forum on World Heritage at Risk

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We, the Civil Society Organizations who have attended the 5th International NGO Forum on World Heritage at Risk organized by World Heritage Watch on 22-23 June 2018 in Bahrain, coming from 24 countries in 6 continents, as active and concerned citizens dealing with Natural and Cultural World Heritage properties at different places, would like to bring the following to the attention of the World Heritage Committee:

Resolution

On The Lake District (United Kingdom)

The World Heritage status in the Lake District is being violated. In its successful bid for World Heritage listing, the Lake District Partnership emphasized several attributes of Outstanding Universal Value, in particular the harmonious beauty of the landscape, the fusion between the natural landscape and the communal farming system as well as the importance of the Lake District for the birth of the conservation movement.

Considering that the National Park Authority has the duty to do everything in its power to protect the attributes of Outstanding Universal Value, it is noted that

- 1) There is an ongoing degradation of the landscape through recreational off-road vehicles using unsealed tracks, particularly in the Oxenfell-Tilberthwaite-Little Langdale area. Historic tracks, not intended for motor vehicles, are being damaged and the peace and tranquility of the landscape are being destroyed.
- 2) The routes used by the recreational motor vehicles lead through the only two sheep farms in this area, destroying one of the most important Outstanding Universal Values: the fusion between the landscape and the communal farming system.
- 3) The very place that gave birth to the conservation movement is now the place where conservation efforts are being dramatically reversed.
- 4) The Lake District National Park Authority is not using its powers to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape, in particular its peace and tranquility.

The UNESCO World Heritage Committee is asked to make the Lake District's continued inscription as a World Heritage site dependent on the effective protection of its Outstanding Universal Values by the Lake District National Park Authority.

Manama, 23 June 2018