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• Dear Mr Buzykin,

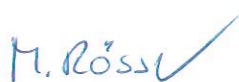
On behalf of the Director-General, I would like to thank you for your e-mail of 27 December last. We read, with interest, the Statement made by the representatives of the European ECO Forum members, the coalition of environmental civil associations of Pan-European region, regarding the plan for construction of a ski resort called "Kokzhaylau" within the Northern Tyan-Shan (the heart of Ile-Alatau National Natural Park), a site which has been on the Tentative List of Kazakhstan for World Heritage Listing since 2002.

The Secretariat has taken due note of your concern regarding the potential adverse impact on the integrity and environment of the abovementioned natural park, as well as of your request concerning measures to be undertaken regarding the current stance of the Government of Kazakhstan on the abovementioned project.

I would like to inform you that the World Heritage Centre will bring this matter to the attention of the Kazak authorities and request them to provide their comments on this matter.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation in the safeguarding of the world's natural heritage, I remain,

Yours sincerely,


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