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While the Vancouver Olympic games, those games who were claimed as exemplary and the most ecological of the galaxy, have thrown away their ambitions. Hard to believe that the delegation of Annecy 2018, gone to do some lobbying in Canada, Will come back home with some good ideas regarding this.

Since more than one year, the CAO tries hard to reference, analyse and compile everything that concerns Annecy application and widely sport and Olympics in general. We have to state that all the criticisms (that we make since the beginning of our action) are real, serious and verifiable and that the absurdities (or even lies) uttered by the team of “broken legs” who support those Olympic Games will not change anything.

- If some of them nearly reached libel calling us liars when we mentioned that this application was as an excuse for the Semnoz drilling and that those games would be ecological, the latest report of the Cipra fully confirms our position and its editors have used several times our work to complete theirs, without even having the courtesy to let us know.

- Without falling into some auto satisfaction that is just not how we are, we can only be delighted to notice that the Cipra comes to the same conclusion; those Olympic Games can be ecological only at the expense of a much too expensive bill for the future generations.

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Nevertheless, we have to notice that despite of its highly skilled analysis; The Cipra does not take position and make believe that the promises related to the environment could be held. That is of course impossible. Its proposal for a meeting with the opponents is kind of nice; we are waiting for an official invitation from a less obscure organization before refusing it.

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Good for Edgar Grospiron if he can earn money with the taxpayers' money (We are still waiting for the precise budget requested to Mr Rigaut and Monteil back in December). We are very worried about the recent statement that the budget Annecy 2018 was weak against Munich and Pyeongchang. Furthermore, Mr Rigaut has recently made a higher bid saying that if he had to put more money in the project, he would do it.

To be fair, we will not condemn Edgar Grospiron more as he is the only one who came and met us, while the CAO is still waiting for a public debate that should be mandatory for this kind of project that concerns the whole population and that financially and dangerously commits people on the short and long term. How can we trust political people who spend their time insulting each other through the press of blogs....?

While the accepted applicant sites have officially been disclosed those days, the CAO notices an important and unacceptable influence of the farmland in several projects. We would like to remind that under normal circumstances, Haute-Savoie loses a minimum of 500 hectares each year.

This is without mentioning the necessary parking spaces and related projects that do not appear in the application, whereas several municipalities have already modified their PLU or are just about to do it.

The CAO is and will strongly be against any disappearance of farmland and we solemnly prevent the whole farming population from giving in to the temptation of the Olympic Games. We would like them to fight with us against the planned destruction of their working environment.

The Olympic village will be located on the Passy plain, whereas Passy has unfortunately been declared the most polluted city in France with benzo Pyralene. The CAO asks the population of this valley to be united against this application project and to encourage the elected representatives to solve this serious problem that some prefer to ignore, as this is in this area that fertile farmland will excessively disappear to the benefit of the Olympic Games application.

**To conclude, The CAO refuses this immoderate project that will be managed at the expense of our environment and well being.**

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