

## FAI Strategy Task Force

Report to the General Conference 2010

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## Task as given by the FAI General Conference 2009

*To analyse "new challenges" against the FAI, Air Sports and Leisure Aviation*

*Based on this analysis*

*develop strategies in these areas*

*suggest organisational adjustments for the FAI to effectively prioritize its limited resources to the areas that will be critical for air sport's future development*

## Main areas of «new challenges»

*Further airspace restrictions*

*New and stricter regulations (more limiting; costlier)*

*Reduced availability of airports and air sports facilities*

*New and stricter environmental regulations; costlier*

*Avoidance of accidents/incidents; improved safety needed*

*Difficulties of recruiting to air sports activities*

*Impact and opportunity of new technology*

## Suggested focus of FAI activities to meet the «new challenges» - 1

*Improved availability of airspace (absence/removal of restrictions)*

*Practical and realistic regulations (safety improvement combined with reduced restrictions; improved and simpler oversight systems)*

*Improved availability/accessibility of/to airports; increased availability of air sports facilities*

*Improved availability of environmental friendly engines & fuels at acceptable prices*

## Suggested focus of FAI activities to meet the «new challenges» - 2

*Higher level of environmental focus and adaption of sound environmental practices*

*More attention to safety; improved safety record in all areas*

*More effective promotion and recruitment activities, with focus on increasing the number of young people and women*

*Development and increased use of new technology*

## Strategies developed for seven main areas - *listed in priority*

*NOTE: Covering areas of «new challenges» only..!*

Airspace

Environment

Safety

Regulations

Air sports facilities

Promotion and recruitment

New technology

## Examples of strategy: Airspace

### *Airspace goal*

*The FAI shall support the NAC and regional organizations in securing adequate access to the airspace so that air sports can be conducted under the greatest possible freedom and in balanced interaction with other aviation activities.*

### *Airspace strategies*

*Strongly advocating the interests of air sports at the international level (mainly ICAO)*

*Working to ensure continued access to currently available airspace*

## Examples of strategy: Airspace

### *Airspace strategies - continued..*

*Working to improve access to airspace unnecessarily blocked by other civil and military airspace activities*

*Working for greater flexibility in the use of airspace, thereby facilitating improved airspace access for air sports activities*

*Working for good predictability in the availability of air space for air sport activities*

## Examples of strategy: Regulations

### *Regulations goal*

*The FAI shall promote regulations that facilitate air sports activities, and do not pose unnecessary restrictions or deterrent to the growth of air sports*

### *Regulations strategies*

*Working to influence international regulations for the benefit of air sports activities and development*

## Examples of strategy: Regulations

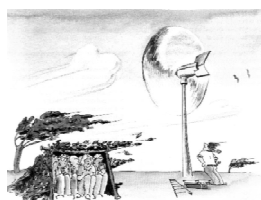
### *Regulation strategies - continued..*

*Supporting NACs and regional air sports organizations in influencing their regulatory bodies for the benefit of air sports activities and development*

*Working to improve the regulation of air sports activities in a manner that improves safety, flexibility, service and economy*

*Working to prevent and eliminate unnecessary regulatory restrictions on air sports activities*

To meet these new challenges, the STF suggests that FAI needs the following..



*To slightly modify the scope & direction of the FAI*

*To adjust the main purpose of the FAI*

*To identify a new «overall FAI goal»*

## Adjusting the main purpose of the FAI

Present overall purpose («mission») of FAI

*The FAI is a world organization that is concerned mainly with air sport competitions, records, including space activities, and other certified performances*

The view of the FAI Strategy Task Force:

*Too limited; not meeting today's challenges for the FAI and the NACs; in strong need of revision*

## Areas considered the main purpose of the FAI

*Supporting and guiding NACs and regional organizations*

*Representing air sports at international organizations*

*Arranging international competitions and administering records/championships*

*Establishing and carrying out the FAI award procedures*

*Conserving and protecting the air sports history*

## Suggested overall FAI goal in relation to «new challenges»

*«The FAI shall strive to facilitate the development and promotion of air sports world wide, in order to achieve increased participation and improved public acceptance and awareness of air sports»*

## FAI resource allocation/alignment

*Present FAI resource focus*

*Competitions, records, awards..*

*The STF suggests resource allocation/reallocation to cover*

*Improved communication with NACs*

*Improved service to NACs*

*Improved representation at ICAO*

*Improved promotion and recruitment activities/support*

## Conclusion

*Changes are needed to meet challenges facing air sports and NACs, in order to retain FAI as an organization of value to NACs*

*As a consequence, we suggest*

*Revision of the FAI «main purpose»*

*A new «overall FAI goal» as presented*

*Suggested strategies for the seven areas covered*

*and PRIORITIES - a fundamental need for effective strategy implementation*

## Additional comments..

*This report IS NOT an attack on the present FAI structure - in particular its air sports commissions - but a suggestion for a change/modification of direction*

*This report DOES NOT advocate abandoning the valuable work of FAI in the areas of competitions and record setting*

*However, there is an urgent need to establish a clear focus on some very important and real challenges to air sports and address these forcefully*

Our vision: New, agreed and well communicated FAI goals and strategies, addressing the challenges facing us..!



..thank you for your attention..!



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