

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

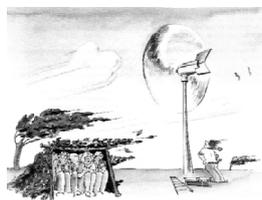
Regulation strategies - continued..

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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