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**International Gliding Commission  
of the  
Fédération Aéronautique Internationale**

**From: President, IGC**

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**To: FAI Secretary General**  
**Copy: FAI Executive Board**

**FAI Technical Commissions – Status of Commission Representatives**

Dear Max,

You may recall that the status of Air Sport Commission representatives on FAI Technical Commissions was raised at the last two IGC Plenaries, and last year you and I had discussions on the subject. It is now time to propose a change of FAI By-Laws to the FAI General Conference.

The existing IGC ByLaw 5.3.9 says that Air Sport Commission representatives "may speak, but have no vote at such meetings". This effectively reduces them to Observer status, a position that we simply do not understand when the Commissions have important roles to play across all FAI activities. In addition, it makes Commission nominees ineligible to stand for Bureau positions on Technical Commissions, which are therefore occupied exclusively by National delegates. This is particularly anomalous when there are over 80 Nations in FAI and only 10 Air Sport Commissions. The position of ASC nominees on the General Sporting Commission (CASI) is much more equitable.

The IGC position is that all nominees to FAI Technical Commissions should have equal status whether nominated by a Nation or an Air Sport Commission.

At annex is a proposal for a change to ByLaw 5.3.9. Would you be kind enough to place this on the agenda of General Conference and notify the Statutes Committee of our proposal so that they can consider it at their next meeting. We would like to be notified of the views of the Statutes Committee so that we can consider modifying our proposal if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Henderson  
IGC President

Annex: Proposal to amend ByLaw 5.3.9

## **For the FAI General Conference Agenda**

### **IGC proposal to FAI to give equal status to National and Air Sport Commission nominees to FAI Technical Commissions**

*Background: There are some 80 Nations in FAI but only 10 Air Sport Commissions (ASCs). The Air Sport Commissions, themselves formed of National delegates, have a vital role to play in all FAI activities.*

*In this context it is not understood why ASCs essentially only have Observer status on FAI Technical Commissions (ByLaw 5.3.9). Their nominees have no vote and are not eligible to stand as Bureau members.*

*It is therefore proposed that ASC and National nominees to FAI Technical Commissions should have equal status to those nominated by Nations. A small change to ByLaw 5.3.9 is proposed below. In terms of precedent within FAI, it is noted that in the FAI General Sporting Commission (CASI), ASC nominees have equal status to those nominated by Nations and this should also be followed in FAI Technical Commissions.*

Existing Bylaw 5.3.9. Each Air Sport Commission may nominate a representative to attend meetings and to receive papers of each of the Technical Commissions. Such representatives may speak, but have no vote at such meetings.

Proposed change to: 5.3.9. An Air Sport Commission may nominate a delegate to a Technical Commission. Such delegates shall have the same status and voting powers as National delegates.

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