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PREAMBLE TO THE FAI STATUTES

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Absolute Majority	<i>More than half of the votes belonging to Members present or represented.</i>
Active Member of FAI	<i>A national organisation that represents the greatest number of aeronautic and astronautic disciplines in its Country and has been elected to represent that Country in the FAI.</i>
Aeronautics	<i>For FAI purposes, aerial activity, including all air sports, within 100 kilometres of the earth's surface.</i>
Annual General Conference	<i>The regularly scheduled meeting of the General Conference.</i>
Associate Member of FAI	<i>A national organisation or aero club which represents in FAI only one branch of air sports or astronautics in its Country.</i>
Astronautics	<i>For FAI purposes, activity more than 100 kilometres above the earth's surface.</i>
Bureau	<i>The duly elected officers of a Commission.</i>
Commission President of Honour	<i>A title which a Commission may confer upon an outgoing President.</i>
Commission Presidents' Group	<i>A meeting of the Presidents of the FAI Air Sport Commissions to be held not less than annually.</i>
Constitution of FAI	<i>The body of fundamental laws and principles that prescribe the nature, objectives, functions and limits of FAI. It consists of two parts. The relatively permanent elements of the FAI Constitution are set forth in the FAI Statutes. The procedural and more detailed elements, as well as instructions on awards, are set forth in the FAI By-Laws.</i>
Corporate Patron of FAI	<i>A company or business active in the fields of aeronautics and/or astronautics which has been appointed as a supporter of FAI, and which agrees to pay annual fees in support of the goals, objectives, programmes and services offered by FAI, to further the development of aviation and space flight.</i>
Executive Board	<i>The executive body of the FAI implementing the policies and decisions of the general conference and conducting the organisation's business between General Conferences.</i>
Extraordinary General Conference	<i>A General Conference convened at some other time than the Annual General Conference to deal with a matter of major urgency.</i>
FAI Air Sport Activities	<i>World and Continental Championships, other FAI contests, record attempts, and the homologation of world records, and related activities conducted under the rules of FAI.</i>

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FAI Air Sport Commission	<i>A Commission established in accordance with the Constitution of the FAI, having authority over the rules governing international competitions and FAI records in a specific aeronautical or astronautical discipline.</i>
FAI By-Laws	<i>That portion of the FAI Constitution established by the General Conference and dealing with awards, badges, publications and procedural rules for the various FAI bodies.</i>
FAI Companion of Honour	<i>An individual appointed as provided for in the Statutes and By-Laws and eligible for certain privileges specified therein.</i>
FAI Continental Championship	<i>A Championship open to all FAI Members of one of the Continents--described in more detail in the General Section of the Sporting Code.</i>
FAI Event	<i>Any FAI meeting, sporting event or record attempt.</i>
FAI Financial Year	<i>The calendar year.</i>
FAI International Sporting Event	<i>An FAI Sporting Event in which entry is not limited to competitors from one Member Country.</i>
FAI Magazine	<i>The official annual FAI publication on its structure, programmes, personnel, activities and events.</i>
FAI Officers	<i>The President, Executive Directors and Secretary General of the FAI.</i>
FAI President of Honour	<i>A title which the General Conference may bestow upon a former President of FAI.</i>
FAI Secretariat	<i>The FAI Headquarters staff.</i>
FAI Sporting Code	<i>Those FAI regulations which govern all aeronautical activity of interest to FAI.</i>
FAI Statutes	<i>That portion of the FAI Constitution established by the General Conference and stating the aims, objectives and permanent features of FAI.</i>
FAI Technical Commissions	<i>Commissions established to deal with matters in technical fields of interest to FAI and its Members</i>
FAI Year	<i>The period between Annual General Conferences.</i>
Founder Member	<i>A national organisation that took part in the foundation of the FAI in Paris in 1905.</i>
General Conference	<i>The FAI's supreme authority.</i>
Honorary Patron of FAI	<i>A person of outstanding reputation or skill in the fields of aeronautics and/or astronautics who has been appointed an Honorary Patron of FAI. In exceptional cases, other distinguished individuals may be so appointed.</i>
International Appeals Tribunal	<i>A body established by the FAI Air Sport General Commission to hear and make final judgement on an appeal against a decision relating to a dispute of a sporting nature.</i>

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International Affiliate Member of FAI	<i>An international organisation, concerned with aeronautics or astronautics, that has been elected to membership in FAI.</i>
Majority (also called simple majority)	<i>More than half of the votes cast by eligible votes present.</i>
Member of FAI (or FAI Member)	<i>A national or international organisation which has been elected to FAI, as an Active Member, an Associate Member or an International Member.</i>
Observer	<i>An individual invited to attend an FAI meeting but without the right to vote.</i>
Permanent Working Group	<i>A Working Group established for an indefinite period of time and listed in the FAI Statutes.</i>
Plurality Vote	<i>In a vote of more than two alternatives, the largest number of votes cast for any of the alternatives.</i>
President	<i>The elected or appointed officer who presides over a Commission or a meeting of that body.</i>
President of FAI	<i>The senior elected Officer of FAI, the President of FAI presides over meetings of the General Conference and the Executive Board.</i>
Proxy	<i>A person or delegation duly authorised to act for another person or FAI Member or the written authorisation to do so.</i>
Qualified Majority	<i>A majority preceded by a fraction (e.g. two thirds). That fraction indicates the minimum portion of the votes required to carry a motion. A fraction can also be applied to an absolute or simple majority.</i>
Residency	<i>A persons place of residence as legally recognised by the country of residence. The place where a person usually lives for at least 185 days in each calendar year because of personal and occupational ties or, in the case of a person with no occupational ties, because of personal ties which show close links between that person and the place where she or he is living.</i>
Secretary General of FAI	<i>The managing director of FAI and head of the FAI Headquarters staff.</i>
Sporting Code	<i>A series of regulations consisting of the General Section, which includes all the common rules, and the specific sections which contain the rules governing each aeronautical sport and astronautical activity of interest to FAI.</i>
Sporting Licence	<i>An FAI licence of a standard type issued by an FAI member to individuals permitting them to compete in national or international sporting events or to undertake record attempts.</i>
Sporting Powers	<i>The right to organise and conduct FAI Sporting Events, to authorise aeronautic or astronautic record attempts, to appoint officials to supervise FAI competitions and record attempts, to participate in the work of FAI Air Sport Commissions, and to authorise individuals and teams to compete in FAI Air Sport Activities by issuing FAI Sporting Licences.</i>

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Temporary Working Group	<i>A Working Group established for a special purpose and for a limited period of time.</i>
Temporary Member.	<i>A national organisation that is a candidate for Active or Associate Membership of the FAI and that has been admitted by General Conference to a temporary and restricted form of membership.</i>
Unrestricted Entry	<i>The principle that all Members of FAI in good standing should be admitted to the Country where an FAI Event is being held.</i>
Vice-Presidents	<i>The Vice-Presidents of FAI shall consist of the Vice-Presidents representing Active Members and the Presidents of the Air Sport Commissions, as selected under 6.3.</i>
Working Group	<i>A committee similar to a temporary committee but less formal in its organisation and procedures.</i>

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. ORGANIZATION OF FAI

- 1.1.1.** The Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) is a world federation consisting of national and international aeronautic and astronautic organisations subscribing to the Statutes.
- 1.1.2.** The FAI was founded in 1905. It is a non-governmental and non-profit making international organisation which refrains from involvement in racial, political, and religious differences in the course of its activities.
- 1.1.3.** The FAI Constitution consists of the FAI Statutes and By-Laws, which are established by the General Conference.
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- 1.1.4.** FAI activities include ballooning, power flying, gliding, helicopter flight, parachuting, aeromodelling, aerobatics, hang gliding, microlight flying, amateur building of aircraft, manpowered flying, paragliding and all other aeronautic and astronautic sporting activities. They are conducted under the FAI Sporting Code.
- 1.1.5.** FAI's official elements are :
- 1.1.5.1.** **The General Conference** (Chapter 3)
- 1.1.5.2.** **The Executive Board** (Chapter 4)
- 1.1.5.3.** **The FAI Commissions** (Chapter 5)
- 1.1.5.4.** **The FAI Officers** (Chapters 6 and 7)
- 1.1.5.5.** **The FAI Secretariat** (Chapter 8)
- 1.1.6.** The FAI is funded by member subscriptions and revenue derived from other sources.
- 1.1.7.** The FAI is a non-profit-making organisation in accordance with the provisions of Article 60 ff of the Swiss Civil Code and has its Headquarters in Lausanne. This Headquarters may be relocated upon a decision of the General Conference in accordance with Paragraph 1.4.2.

1.2. THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF FAI

- 1.2.1. To make evident the essentially international spirit of aeronautics as a powerful instrument for bringing all people closer in mutual understanding and friendship regardless of political, racial or religious considerations, thereby helping to create international good will and thus build a better and more peaceful world.
- 1.2.2. To promote physical and moral qualities, technical knowledge and skill as basic to aeronautical activities and air sports.
- 1.2.3. To bring together the air sports men and women of the world in international competition.
- 1.2.4. To educate young people through sport in the spirit of mutual understanding and friendship.
- 1.2.5. To co-ordinate its Members' separate efforts to further aeronautics and astronautics throughout the world.
- 1.2.6. To ensure adequate access to airspace for all who wish to fly.
- 1.2.7. To provide a forum for the exchange of information and discussion of mutual problems with other elements of civil aeronautics.

1.3. THE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FAI

- 1.3.1. To establish regulations for evaluating air and space performances.
- 1.3.2. To establish, define and verify international air and space records.
- 1.3.3. To establish and enforce rules for international air sport competitions.
- 1.3.4. To organise World and Continental Championships and other international air sport events in those disciplines recognised by FAI.
- 1.3.5. To assemble, analyse and disseminate information and statistics about the FAI activities in its member Countries that can contribute to the improvement of aircraft and their equipment, to the improvement of training methods of pilots and parachutists and to safety in air activities.
- 1.3.6. To work with other International Organisations to protect the interests of FAI air activities.
- 1.3.7. To create and promote international standards for pilots and parachutists and qualification badges and medical requirements for air sport activities.
- 1.3.8. To govern recognised international air sport activities.
- 1.3.9. To reward excellence in performance and outstanding contributions to aeronautics and astronautics by awarding honours, medals, diplomas, titles, and badges, as provided for in the By-Laws.
- 1.3.10. To issue publications and other materials promoting and recording the aims and activities of FAI.

1.4. THE FAI STATUTES

- 1.4.1.** The Statutes, established by the FAI General Conference, are the fundamental rules of FAI and prevail over all other FAI rules and regulations.
- 1.4.2.** Changes to the Statutes shall only be made at a General Conference at which at least half of the Active Members of FAI in good standing are present or represented and provided that the amendment is placed on the Agenda sent to all the Members of FAI at least two months before the Conference convenes, with a detailed description of the proposed text. Decision shall be taken on a two thirds majority of the votes belonging to the Active Members present or represented.
- 1.4.3.** Unless otherwise agreed at the time of decision, changes of the Statutes shall become effective on January 1st following the General Conference that approved them.

1.5. THE FAI BY-LAWS

- 1.5.1.** The FAI By-Laws are formal written rules, established by the General Conference to guide the implementation of the Statutes. They cover procedural rules for the various FAI bodies as well as awards, badges and publications.
- 1.5.2.** The By-Laws and changes thereto may be approved and implemented by a majority vote of the General Conference.
- 1.5.3.** Unless otherwise agreed at the time of decision, changes of the By-laws shall become effective on January 1st following the General Conference that approved them.

1.6. THE FAI SPORTING CODE : OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.6.1.** The FAI Sporting Code consists of FAI regulations governing all aeronautical and astronautical activity of interest to FAI. The Sporting Code derives from the Statutes and By-Laws and is developed by the FAI Air Sport Commissions as follows :
- 1.6.1.1.** - *The General Section of the Sporting Code, which contains rules common to all air sports, is established by the FAI Air Sport General Commission.*
- 1.6.1.2.** - *The other sections of the Sporting Code, which contain rules for specific air sports or a group of air sports, are drafted and implemented by the appropriate FAI Air Sport Commissions. They must not conflict with the General Section.*
- 1.6.1.3.** - *The provisions of the FAI Sporting Code apply to each participant and official in any FAI Sporting Event and in any record attempt controlled by or on behalf of an FAI Member.*
- 1.6.2.** FAI Commissions are authorised to prepare, approve and publish internal rules to cover their own procedures within the parameters of the FAI Statutes, By-Laws and Sporting Code.
- 1.6.3.** Other rules and regulations necessary in the conduct of FAI business may be issued by the FAI Executive Board, subject to later ratification by the General Conference.

1.7. THE FAI FLAG AND LOGO

1.7.1. The FAI Flag and Logo and the World Air Games Logo are depicted below :

1.7.1.1. *The Flag and Logos symbolise the international spirit of aviation and the friendship and co-operation of FAI Members and the men and women who compete in air sports. The rainbow symbolises the historical link provided by FAI between heaven and earth.*

1.7.1.2. *The FAI Logo consists of a stylised eagle with outspread wings standing on a sphere denoting the world with "FAI" in capital letters. The FAI Logo may be displayed in one of several colours and may be embellished by the rainbow in full circle or part of a circle. The World Air Games logo consists of a sphere denoting the earth (pale blue) overflowed by three human figures (red, orange and green) in formation, with outstretched arms.*

1.7.1.3. *The Flag has a white background. The Logo, in black, is located in the lower left hand corner. The colours of the rainbow are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet and purple. The proportions of the Flag are two by three.*

1.7.2. The FAI Flag and Logo and the World Air Games Logo are the exclusive properties of FAI (By-Laws - Chapter 1).

1.8. SPORTING POWERS

1.8.1. FAI is the sole international body governing air sports and the supreme authority in these matters for its Members.

1.8.2. Sporting Powers are administered by the FAI Executive Board and Air Sport Commissions and may be delegated.

1.8.3. Failure to comply with FAI rules governing Sporting Powers shall be penalised as set forth in Section 2.8.

1.8.4. Only FAI Members shall hold FAI Sporting Powers in their respective Countries and represent their Countries' air sports within FAI, except where they have given their written consent to the FAI's delegating Sporting Powers directly to other organisations, or where General Conference has made a specific decision to delegate FAI Sporting Powers for a given event to another organisation.

1.9. FAI OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

- 1.9.1.** The official languages of the FAI are: English, French, Russian and Spanish. They shall be used as prescribed in the By-Laws.

1.10. INTERNATIONAL APPEALS TRIBUNAL

- 1.10.1.** Disputes of a sporting nature, or related to sporting events, that are submitted to FAI by its Members shall, as a last resort, be settled by an International Appeals Tribunal established in accordance with Paragraph 5.6.1.5. of the Statutes and the General Section of the Sporting Code.

1.11. RELATIONS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 1.11.1.** The FAI may establish such relations with other international organisations as are consistent with its aims and objectives. With the approval of the General Conference it may join such organisations, be represented at their meetings or engage in joint undertakings with them on a permanent or temporary basis.

1.12. MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES OF FAI

- 1.12.1.** All authority and responsibility in FAI is derived from its Members assembled in General Conference. The General Conference may delegate certain authorities to the Executive Board as described in Section 4.2.
- 1.12.2.** Within this delegation and subject to Section 4.3, the Executive Board shall exercise authority over the other bodies of FAI.
- 1.12.3.** Differences shall be resolved by the next higher body in FAI prior to the implementation of changes.
- 1.12.3 (A)** In order to represent an FAI Member (other than by proxy) a person, if not a citizen or resident of that Member's country, shall obtain the prior consent of the FAI Member of the country of which he or she is resident. No person shall represent more than one FAI Member at any one time.
- 1.12.4.** Exceptions to these principles must be specifically stipulated and authorised by the General Conference.

1.13. DISSOLUTION

- 1.13.1.** The dissolution of FAI may only be decided by an Extraordinary General Conference specially convened for that purpose. The required majority shall be two thirds of the votes belonging to the Active Members in good standing present or represented. The assets of FAI on dissolution shall be transferred to one or more other non-profit-making air sport organisations with similar aims to FAI's. These shall be selected by the same Extraordinary General Conference that decides on dissolution.

CHAPTER 2

MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN FAI

2.1. CLASSES OF FAI MEMBERSHIP

2.1.1. There shall be five classes of FAI membership :

2.1.1.1. *Founder Members*

2.1.1.2. *Active Members*

2.1.1.3. *Associate Members*

2.1.1.4. *International Affiliate Members*

2.1.1.5. *Temporary Members*

2.2. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

2.2.1. Rules and procedures governing applications for membership, voting rights and other administrative items are set forth in Chapter 2 of the By-Laws.

2.3. FOUNDER MEMBERS

2.3.1. NATURE OF REPRESENTATION

2.3.1.1. Each of the national organisations that took part, in 1905, in the founding act of the FAI belongs to this class of membership.

2.3.2. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF FOUNDER MEMBERS

2.3.2.1. Founder Members may also be Active Members, under paragraph 2.4.1.1.

2.3.2.2. If a Founder Member ceases to be an Active Member of FAI, its President, or his duly appointed representative, shall enjoy all the privileges of a FAI Companion of Honour, as set out in FAI By Laws, Paragraph 14.2. In particular, he shall have the right to attend FAI General Conferences as an Observer.

2.4. ACTIVE MEMBERS**2.4.1. NATURE OF REPRESENTATION**

2.4.1.1. A national organisation representing as completely and as effectively as possible the greatest number of branches of air sports and astronautics in its Country, may be elected as an Active Member of FAI. Only one Active Member shall be admitted for each Country.

2.4.2. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF ACTIVE MEMBERS

2.4.2.1. Active Members shall be entitled to administer Sporting Powers delegated by FAI, to organise FAI international competitions, to assist in the homologation of aeronautic and space records in their respective Countries, to participate in FAI sporting events and the work of the specialised FAI Air Sport Commissions and Technical Commissions, to attend FAI meetings, to nominate FAI Vice-Presidents and delegates to other FAI bodies as provided for in FAI By-Laws, to represent their respective Countries in FAI matters and to exercise such voting rights as prescribed by the Statutes, the FAI By-Laws and the Sporting Code.

2.4.2.2. They shall also assume the following responsibilities and obligations :

2.4.2.2.1. - *To subscribe fully to the FAI Statutes, By-Laws and Sporting Code ;*

2.4.2.2.2. - *To satisfy all their financial obligations to the FAI ;*

2.4.2.2.3. - *To apply all provisions of the FAI Sporting Code in their respective Countries and ensure that their members comply with them ;*

2.4.2.2.4. - *To enter into agreements and undertakings with a foreign aeronautical or astronautical organisation only with the approval of the FAI Member of the Country concerned, and to advise the FAI of all such transactions ;*

2.4.2.2.5. - *To submit for registration in the FAI International Sporting Calendar all the international aeronautical events to be organised in their respective Countries ; and wherever possible to send participants to appropriate FAI Events in other countries.*

2.4.2.2.6. - *To inform the FAI Secretariat of any changes in their respective chief executives or other officers who deal with FAI ;*

2.4.2.2.7. - *To issue all invitations to international air sporting events in their respective Countries through the appropriate FAI Member ; to forward every accepted invitation and every entry in a foreign international aeronautical event through the appropriate FAI Member.*

2.4.2.2.8. - *To continue to represent as completely and as effectively as possible all the branches of air sports and astronautics practised in their respective countries.*

2.4.2.2.9. - *To pursue, continuously, the aims and objectives of FAI in their own countries.*

2.4.2.2.10. - *To nominate delegates to FAI Air Sport Commissions for all sports practised in their respective countries, in accordance with By Law 5.3.*

2.4.2.2.11. - *To appoint proxies in accordance with By Laws 3.3 and 5.5, or to send apologies, if delegates are unable to attend FAI General Conferences or Air Sport Commission meetings.*

2.4.3. EXERCISE OF SPORTING POWERS

- 2.4.3.1.** Subject to the provisions of Section 1.8. and Paragraph 4.2.2.12., FAI Active Members shall exercise Sporting Powers in their respective Countries, including the right to issue FAI Sporting Licences on behalf of FAI or to suspend or cancel any that they have issued.
- 2.4.3.2.** An Active Member may delegate to another aeronautical organisation within his Country part of his Sporting Powers. FAI shall be notified promptly. Such delegation shall not diminish the Active Member's responsibilities and obligations listed in Paragraph 2.4.2.2. ; therefore, all parties concerned shall keep the Active Member involved and the FAI Secretariat informed of all significant developments pertaining to any aeronautical sporting event to be held in that Member's Country.
- 2.4.3.3.** The delegated powers cited in Paragraph 2.4.3.2. may be withdrawn by the Active Member at any time. FAI shall be notified promptly.

2.5. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**2.5.1. NATURE OF REPRESENTATION**

- 2.5.1.1.** A national organisation with jurisdiction restricted to any single branch of air sports or astronautics may, if the Country concerned has no Active Member, be elected as an Associate Member of FAI. If a country has an Active Member that, following receipt of a legitimate complaint, has been found by the FAI Executive Board under By Law 6.3 to be in breach of provisions in 2.4.2.2. above, the General Conference may also elect as Associate Members in that country national organisations with jurisdiction restricted to a single branch of air sports or astronautics.
- 2.5.1.2.** Except as provided in 2.5.1.1. above, no more than two Associate Members from any one Country may be represented in FAI without forming a national organisation and applying for Active Membership.
- 2.5.1.3.** If an Associate Member should come to represent a second branch of air sports or astronautics, that Member shall inform the FAI Secretariat immediately and shall then be eligible for Active Membership. If so elected, the new Active Member shall be listed in a membership classification to be determined by the General Conference.

2.5.2. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- 2.5.2.1.** Except for the right to nominate FAI Vice-Presidents and vote in General Conferences, duties of Associate Members shall be identical to those of Active Members.

2.5.3. EXERCISE OF SPORTING POWERS

- 2.5.3.1.** Subject to the provisions of Section 1.8. and Paragraph 4.2.2.12., an Associate Member may exercise Sporting Powers.

2.6. INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATE MEMBERS**2.6.1. ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.6.1.1.** An international organisation with interests involving any branch of aeronautics or astronautics may be elected as an International Affiliate Member of FAI.

2.6.2. RIGHTS AND DUTIES

- 2.6.2.1.** The rights, privileges and responsibilities of each International Affiliate Member shall be established at the time of affiliation. Any alterations in these rights and duties must be approved by the General Conference.

2.7. TEMPORARY MEMBERS

2.7.1. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.7.1.1.** A national organisation which intends to become an Active or Associate Member of FAI but is not yet in a position to fulfil all the rights and duties of those Members may be elected as a Temporary Member of FAI.
- 2.7.1.2.** Only one Temporary Member from a given country may be admitted to FAI for each FAI activity (see Statute 1.1.4.). No Temporary Members shall be admitted from a country that already has an Active or Associate Member.

2.7.2. RIGHTS AND DUTIES

- 2.7.2.1.** Temporary Members shall have no voting rights in FAI, nor shall they exercise Sporting Powers in their respective countries, except for the ratification of national aeronautic records. They may participate as Observers in the work of Air Sport and Technical Commissions, but not at General Conference. They may apply to the FAI Secretariat for the issue of Sporting Licences to their Members, who may be permitted to participate in International Sporting Events under the FAI flag.
- 2.7.2.2.** Temporary Members shall assume responsibilities and obligations described in paragraph 2.4.2.2 above, with the exception of 2.4.2.2.5 and 2.4.2.2.7 (Temporary Members have no right to organise International Sporting Events).

2.8. ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS FOR FAI MEMBERS AND BODIES

2.8.1. VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES AND APPEALS

- 2.8.1.1.** All members and bodies of FAI are obligated to enforce the Statutes, By-Laws and Sporting Code. The following penalties shall apply in cases where the Statutes, By-Laws or Sporting Code have been knowingly or wilfully violated :
- 2.8.1.1.1.** - *A violation by an individual member of an FAI member organisation shall, when referred to and verified by that organisation, be appropriately punished by admonition, reprimand, a fine, suspension or cancellation of the individual's Sporting Licence as set forth in Chapter 6 of the By-Laws.*
- 2.8.1.1.2.** - *A violation by an FAI member organisation or other FAI body or one of its individual members shall, when referred to and verified by the FAI President, upon a decision by the Executive Board, be appropriately punished by admonition, reprimand, a fine, suspension, withdrawal of Sporting Powers, or expulsion as set forth in Chapter 6 of the By-Laws. A right of appeal to the FAI General Conference against the decision of the Executive Board exists as set forth in Chapter 6 of the By Laws.*
- 2.8.1.1.3.** - *An FAI member organisation that fails to deal appropriately with individual member violations or ceases to carry out its obligations to FAI, including payment of dues, shall, upon a decision by the Executive Board, be appropriately punished by admonition, reprimand, a fine, suspension, withdrawal of Sporting Powers or expulsion as set forth in Chapter 6 of the By-*

Laws. A right of appeal to the FAI General Conference against the decision of the Executive Board exists as set forth in Chapter 6 of the By Laws.

2.8.1.1.4. - *In addition to the above penalties, individuals and bodies shall be subject to applicable civil laws.*

2.8.2. Detailed procedures for implementing these penalties and for filing appeals are set forth in Chapter 6 of the By-Laws.

2.9. EXPULSION

2.9.1. Expulsion shall be confirmed sixty days after notification by registered letter to the Member in question restating the facts in the case and the action of the General Conference.

2.10. RESIGNATIONS

2.10.1. SUBMITTAL BY MEMBER

2.10.1.1. Resignation may be submitted to the FAI Secretariat not later than the first day of August of any year by registered letter signed by the authorised signing officials of the resigning Member. The membership subscription for the current year, if not yet paid, shall be due. If resignations are received after the first day of August, membership subscriptions for the following year shall be payable.

2.11. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION IN FAI

2.11.1. While the Statutes do not provide for individual membership in FAI, the following programmes provide for individual participation in FAI activities.

2.11.1.1. HONORARY PATRON OF FAI

2.11.1.1.1. The General Conference may, by a simple majority vote, appoint Honorary Patrons of FAI chosen from among persons of outstanding reputation, skill or accomplishment in the fields of aeronautics or astronautics.

2.11.1.1.2. In exceptional cases, other distinguished individuals may be appointed Honorary Patrons of FAI.

2.11.1.1.3. An Honorary Patron of FAI shall be appointed for life and may attend General Conferences as an observer.

2.11.1.2. FAI COMPANIONS OF HONOUR

2.11.1.2.1 A Companion of Honour of the FAI may be appointed for life by the General Conference, or by the President of FAI subject to ratification by the General Conference.

2.11.1.2.2. Procedures for appointment of Companions of Honour and privileges accorded to them are set forth in Chapter 14 of the By-Laws.

2.12. CORPORATE PARTICIPATION IN FAI

2.12.1. While the Statutes do not provide for corporate membership of FAI, the following programme allows for corporate participation in FAI activities.

2.12.1.1. CORPORATE PATRON OF FAI

2.12.1.1.1. Companies and businesses active in the fields of aeronautics and astronautics may be appointed by General Conference as Corporate Patrons of FAI, subject to payment of an annual support fee.

2.12.1.1.2. Procedures for appointment and resignation of Corporate Patrons of FAI and privileges accorded to them are set forth in Chapter 16 of the By-Laws.

CHAPTER 3

THE FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE

3.1. COMPOSITION, ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM

- 3.1.1.** As FAI's supreme body, the General Conference shall consist of delegates appointed by Active and Associate Members in good standing, designated representatives of International Affiliate Members in good standing, FAI elected Officers, Presidents of Honour, Honorary Patrons of FAI, designated representatives of Corporate Patrons of FAI in good standing, Companions of Honour, and delegates appointed by Presidents of Commissions.
- 3.1.2.** Others attending, in addition to the FAI Secretariat, must be approved as observers by their respective Active or Associate Membership organisations in which case FAI and the organising Member shall be notified in advance.
- 3.1.3.** Subject to Paragraph 1.4.2. a minimum of twenty five per cent of Active Members in good standing present or represented shall constitute a quorum.

3.2. NATURE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

- 3.2.1.** The General Conference may meet :
- 3.2.1.1.** - *at a regular annual meeting ; or*
- 3.2.1.2.** - *at an extraordinary meeting at such times as specially convened under the provisions of Section 3.5.*
- 3.2.2.** Rules for composition of delegations, agenda and voting procedures are set forth in Chapter 3 of the By-Laws.

3.3. UNRESTRICTED ENTRY

- 3.3.1.** An FAI Member organising a General Conference shall make every reasonable effort to provide unrestricted entry to the Country involved for all delegates and delegations.
- 3.3.2.** If the organising Member finds that a delegate or delegation will be refused entry, the FAI and the affected Member shall be notified immediately.

3.4. POWERS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

- 3.4.1.** In accordance with the Statutes, the By-Laws and the Sporting Code, the Annual General Conference shall deal with and decide on all FAI legislative, executive and financial matters, including :
- 3.4.1.1.** - *definition of the aims, objectives and policies of the FAI, and establishment of courses of action to achieve FAI goals ;*
 - 3.4.1.2.** - *consideration of the reports of the President, the Executive Director, Finance, the Presidents of Commissions and other individuals and bodies as appropriate ;*
 - 3.4.1.3.** - *approval of the FAI accounts and the actions of the Executive Board, and of the financial statements prepared by the Auditor;*
 - 3.4.1.4.** - *approval of the FAI business plan and budget for Secretariat operations for the coming financial year,*
 - 3.4.1.5.** - *decide on the classification, subscriptions and voting rights of Members and Air Sport Commissions, each Active Member in good standing and each Air Sport Commission having at least one vote ;*
 - 3.4.1.5.1.** - *decide on the support fees payable by Corporate Patrons of FAI, and on the rights and privileges of Corporate Patrons;*
 - 3.4.1.6.** - *expulsion of Members under the provisions of the Statutes ;*
 - 3.4.1.7** - *taking final decision on appeals against decisions by the Executive Board or the Commissions;*
 - 3.4.1.8.** - *approval of amendments to the Statutes and By-Laws ;*
 - 3.4.1.9.** - *establishment of Commissions, and other bodies on a permanent or temporary basis as appropriate ; and disestablishment of those whose work has been completed ;*
 - 3.4.1.10** - *assignment of tasks to the Executive Board and other bodies as appropriate ;*
 - 3.4.1.11.** - *election of the FAI President and the Executive Board-;*
 - 3.4.1.12** - *election of the FAI Vice-Presidents, and approval of the Air Sport Commission and Technical Commission Members ;*
 - 3.4.1.13.** - *selection of the places and dates of future Annual General Conferences, based on recommendations made by the FAI Executive Board ;*
 - 3.4.1.14** - *acceptance of new Members and establishment of their initial classification, subscriptions and voting rights ;*
 - 3.4.1.14.1.** - *acceptance of new Corporate Patrons of FAI and establishment of their initial level of support fee;*
 - 3.4.1.15.** - *approval of awards and honours as required by the Statutes and By-Laws ;*
 - 3.4.1.16.** - *decisions on all other matters brought before it by the Executive Board and by FAI Members.*

3.5. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL CONFERENCE**3.5.1. CONVENING**

3.5.1.1. On decision of the Executive Board or on request of not less than eight Active Members, the FAI President shall convene an Extraordinary General Conference.

3.5.1.2. This conference shall meet not earlier than two months and not later than three months after receipt of the notice.

3.5.2. POWERS

3.5.2.1. The Extraordinary General Conference shall have the power of decision on all items on the Agenda sent with the notice of the meeting.

3.5.2.2. Should the Agenda include the issue of the dissolution of FAI, the Extraordinary Conference shall also have final jurisdiction over the assets in hand on the day of the dissolution as established by the Conference. It shall accomplish this by appointing one or more liquidators.

3.6. PROCEDURAL RULES

3.6.1. Rules for meetings, agenda and voting are set forth in Chapter 3 of the By-Laws.

CHAPTER 4

THE FAI EXECUTIVE BOARD

4.1. COMPOSITION, ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM

- 4.1.1. The FAI Executive Board shall consist of :
- 4.1.1.1. - **The President of FAI ;**
- 4.1.1.2. - **Six Executive Directors , one of whom shall be designated Executive Director, Finance;**
- 4.1.1.3. - **The Secretary General of FAI (without voting rights) ;**
- 4.1.2. Each Member of the Executive Board, except the Secretary General, shall be entitled to one vote. If an Executive Board vote results in a tie, the President may in addition to his own vote cast a tie-breaking vote.
- 4.1.3. The Secretary General shall attend Executive Board meetings in a consultative capacity. The immediate past President of FAI may attend Executive Board meetings with the right to speak.
- 4.1.4. A quorum of the Executive Board shall be not less than four voting members. In the case that only four voting members are present, any decision of the Executive Board must be unanimous.

4.2. DUTIES AND POWERS

- 4.2.1. The Executive Board is the executive body of the FAI, implementing the policies and decisions of the General Conference and exercising those powers of the General Conference that are delegated to it by that body.
- 4.2.2. The Executive Board, chaired by the FAI President, is jointly responsible to the General Conference for all decisions made and actions taken between General Conferences. Its duties shall include, but not be limited to:
- 4.2.2.1. - *Ensuring that the Statutes, By-Laws and Sporting Code are duly observed and enforced and delegated Sporting Powers correctly exercised ;*
- 4.2.2.2. - *Defining and examining matters concerning FAI's overall policy and making appropriate recommendations to the General Conference ;*
- 4.2.2.3. - *Monitor and control the work of the Secretary General and provide budgetary limits and policy guidelines. Decide on any matter presented by the Secretary General and any other matter as necessary for the conduct of FAI business and aeronautical activities.*
- 4.2.2.4. - *Responsibility to the General Conference for all financial and accountancy matters;*

- 4.2.2.5. - *Presenting to the General Conference the accounts for the past year and the proposed budget for the coming year ;*
- 4.2.2.6. - *Presenting to the General Conference :*
 - 4.2.2.6.1 . *the proposed classification of Active Members for the coming year along with the proposed voting rights for each class ; and*
 - 4.2.2.6.2 . *the projected income from air sport activities ;*
- 4.2.2.7. - *Ensuring implementation of Conference decisions ;*
- 4.2.2.8. - *Proposing to the General Conference the appointment of Honorary Patrons of FAI*
- 4.2.2.9. - *Making decisions or recommendations on matters not covered by the Statutes or on those put forward by the Commission Presidents' Group ;*
- 4.2.2.10. - *Establishing such working groups as it finds necessary to support its work, and disestablishing those whose work has been completed ;*
- 4.2.2.11. - *Approval of the FAI Sporting Calendar ;*
- 4.2.2.12. - *Exercising retained Sporting Powers with the right to delegate these powers to other bodies;*
- 4.2.2.13. - *Appointing an Acting President in the event of the FAI President's death or incapacitation.*

- 4.2.3 - The Executive Director Finance shall be responsible for:
 - 4.2.3.1. - *Reporting on financial matters to the General Conference;*
 - 4.2.3.2. - *Providing advice and assistance to the Executive Board and other FAI bodies on accounting and financial matters, including budgeting, investment management, and the use of FAI's capital.*

4.3. EFFECT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISIONS

- 4.3.1. Decisions of the Executive Board shall be effective as soon as practicable.

4.4. PROCEDURAL RULES

- 4.4.1. Rules for meetings, agenda and voting are set forth in Chapter 4 of the By-Laws.

CHAPTER 5

COMMISSIONS

5.1. GENERAL

- 5.1.1. Most of the basic work of FAI shall be carried out by the following permanent bodies :
- 5.1.1.1. - *FAI Air Sport Commissions, which shall administer air sports, astronautics and related matters;*
- 5.1.1.2. - *FAI Technical Commissions, which shall administer non-sporting activities*
- 5.1.2. These and other bodies may be established on a permanent or temporary basis as follows :
- 5.1.2.1. Permanent or temporary commissions and working groups may be established or disestablished by the General Conference by a two-thirds majority vote of the Active Members present or represented.
- 5.1.2.2. Temporary working groups may be established or disestablished by decision of the Executive Board
- 5.1.2.3. Temporary subcommittees and/or working groups may be established or disestablished by Permanent Commissions, by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present or represented.
- 5.1.2.4. In all cases the record of action establishing a new subcommittee or working group shall include a mission directive and such instructions on composition, duration and disestablishment as the organising body shall deem appropriate.
- 5.1.2.5. Permanent commissions shall be responsible to the FAI General Conference. A temporary subcommittee or working group shall be responsible only to the body which established it.

5.2. DUTIES AND POWERS

- 5.2.1. Commissions shall :
- 5.2.1.1. - *perform assigned tasks within the scope of FAI activities ; and*
- 5.2.1.2. - *conduct studies and make recommendations on designated subjects or matters of interest.*
- 5.2.2. On matters beyond their delegated authority, Commissions shall submit recommendations to the body in FAI to which they are responsible. That body shall either decide on the matter within the limits of its own competence or submit it to the competent authority within FAI.

5.3. & 5.4. [deleted 2000 / 2001]

5.5. THE FAI AIR SPORT COMMISSIONS

- 5.5.1.** FAI contest, championship and record activity shall be conducted generally under the direction of the following FAI Air Sport Commissions ;
- 5.5.1.1.** - *The FAI Air Sport General Commission with duties and powers as listed in Paragraph 5.6.1.*
- 5.5.1.2.** - *Specialised Air Sport Commissions with duties and powers as listed in Paragraph 5.6.2.*

5.6. DUTIES AND POWERS

- 5.6.1.** The FAI Air Sport General Commission shall :
- 5.6.1.1.** - *seek to further the development of air sports ;*
- 5.6.1.2.** - *establish and keep current the General Section of the Sporting Code ;*
- 5.6.1.3.** - *advise the General Conference on appropriate measures to develop and encourage air sports which appear to be outside the mandate of existing FAI Commissions ;*
- 5.6.1.4.** - *when so directed by the Executive Board, serve as the FAI final court of appeal in all disputes or difficult cases concerning international sporting events and record attempts ;*
- 5.6.1.5.** - *in the event of an appeal against a decision relating to a dispute of a sporting nature, investigate whether the appeal should be accepted, and if in the affirmative, establish an International Appeals Tribunal ;*
- 5.6.1.6.** - *carry out other tasks related to air sports as assigned by the General Conference or the Executive Board..*
- 5.6.2.** The specialised FAI Air Sport Commissions shall promote FAI aims and objectives in their special fields, and shall have voting powers at the FAI General Conference. They shall also seek to further the unity of all air sports within FAI through implementation of the FAI Statutes, By-Laws and Sporting Code. They shall also :
- 5.6.2.1.** - *seek to further the development of their respective branches of air sports and related aviation activities ;*
- 5.6.2.2.** - *establish and keep current their respective sections of the Sporting Code which shall include rules and criteria for FAI air activities and records, FAI badges, security at world sporting events, and technical standards ;*
- 5.6.2.3.** - *deal with all technical problems that concern flight safety, training, air space, equipment, records and sporting events ;*
- 5.6.2.4.** - *exercise delegated executive powers with regard to their respective air sports and related technical matters ;*
- 5.6.2.5.** - *exercise delegated executive powers with regard to promotional and financial rights relating to FAI events ;*
- 5.6.2.6.** - *carry out such other tasks related to their respective air sports as assigned by the General Conference or the Executive Board.*

- 5.6.3.** The specific duties and powers of the FAI Air Sport Commissions shall include :
- 5.6.3.1. FAI BALLOONING COMMISSION**
all matters relating to balloons and airships.
- 5.6.3.2. FAI GENERAL AVIATION COMMISSION**
all matters relating to general aviation (except helicopters) and to air touring and air racing.
- 5.6.3.3. FAI GLIDING COMMISSION**
all matters (except aerobatic competition) relating to gliding.
- 5.6.3.4. FAI ROTORCRAFT COMMISSION**
all matters relating to rotary wing aircraft.
- 5.6.3.5. FAI PARACHUTING COMMISSION**
all matters relating to parachuting.
- 5.6.3.6. FAI AEROMODELLING COMMISSION**
all matters relating to flying aeromodels and spacemodels.
- 5.6.3.7. FAI AEROBATICS COMMISSION**
all matters relating to aerobatics, including aerobatic competition for gliders.
- 5.6.3.8. FAI ASTRONAUTIC RECORDS COMMISSION**
all matters pertaining to space and aerospace records.
- 5.6.3.9. FAI HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING COMMISSION**
all matters relating to hang gliding and paragliding.
- 5.6.3.10. FAI MICROLIGHT COMMISSION**
all matters relating to microlight (ultralight) aircraft.
- 5.6.4. COMMISSION PRESIDENTS' GROUP**
- 5.6.4.1.** The Presidents of the Air Sport Commissions shall serve, ex-officio, as members of the Commission Presidents' Group. If a President of an Air Sport Commission is unable to attend, he may appoint a current member of his Commission to attend in his place. This body shall meet not less than annually to :
- 5.6.4.1.1.** - *consider the work and matters of common interest of the various Commissions ;*
- 5.6.4.1.2.** - *create areas of common policy on sporting matters for General Conference determination ;*
- 5.6.4.1.3.** - *review proposed and past expenditure of FAI funds derived from air sport events ; and*
- 5.6.4.1.4.** - *present to the General Conference appropriate advice or recommendations.*
- 5.6.4.2.** The President of FAI shall be the chairman of these meetings.

5.7. THE FAI TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

5.7.1. Other FAI activity shall, in general, be conducted under the direction of the following FAI Technical Commissions :

5.7.1.1. THE FAI AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION COMMISSION

5.7.1.2. THE FAI AMATEUR BUILT AND EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT COMMISSION

5.7.1.3. THE FAI MEDICO-PHYSIOLOGICAL COMMISSION

5.7.1.4. THE FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

5.7.2. The FAI Technical Commissions shall promote FAI aims and objectives in their special fields and shall have the following general duties and powers :

5.7.2.1. - *study and assist in defining FAI's policy in technical or other fields which are of common interest to various branches of FAI activity.*

5.7.2.2. - *report to the General Conference; however, direct contact between FAI Air Sport Commissions and FAI Technical Commissions for the transfer of relevant information is encouraged.*

5.7.3. The specific duties and powers of the FAI Technical Commissions shall be as follows :

5.7.3.1. FAI AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION COMMISSION

dissemination of aeronautical and astronautical knowledge, particularly among the young.

5.7.3.2. FAI AMATEUR BUILT AND EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT COMMISSION

the promotion of design, construction and operation of amateur and home built aircraft, and the restoration of vintage aircraft.

5.7.3.3. FAI MEDICO-PHYSIOLOGICAL COMMISSION

all medico-physiological matters relating to FAI air sport activity.

5.7.3.4. FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

- to evaluate studies concerning the influence of air sports on the environment ;
- to develop an FAI policy aimed at maintaining and improving conditions for the development of air sports while respecting realistically demonstrated environmental interests ;
- to advise General Conference and Air Sport Commissions on environmental matters affecting air sports.

5.8. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

5.8.1. Rules regarding composition of and representation on FAI Commissions, responsibilities and duties of officials, voting rules and other procedural matters are set forth in Chapters 4 and 5 of the By-Laws, in the Sporting Code and, where appropriate, in the internal regulations of the Commissions concerned.

CHAPTER 6

THE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND VICE-PRESIDENTS OF FAI

6.1. THE PRESIDENT OF FAI

6.1.1. ELECTION

6.1.1.1. The President of FAI shall be elected for a two-year term by the General Conference from among the following individuals :

6.1.1.1.1. - **The President of FAI ;**

6.1.1.1.2. - **The Vice-Presidents of FAI.**

6.1.1.1.3. - **Subject to the approval of the NAC or Air Sport Commission concerned, Executive Directors who, prior to their election to the Executive Board, served as FAI Vice Presidents.**

6.1.1.2. This election shall be by secret ballot. On the first round of voting, an absolute majority shall be required for election. If no such majority is obtained by any candidate, a second round of voting shall be conducted, and the President shall be elected by a simple majority. If there are more than two individuals standing for President and no such majority has been obtained in the second round, a third round of voting shall be conducted with the choice limited to the two candidates who received the largest numbers of votes in the second round ; and the President shall be elected by a simple majority. If the second round of voting results in a tie for the second largest number of votes, there shall be a run-off round between the tied candidates to determine who shall stand against the candidate who received the largest number of votes.

6.1.1.3. On completion of his first term, the President may be re-elected for a maximum of two further two-year terms.

6.1.1.4. A newly elected President shall take office immediately after the close of the General Conference at which that election was held.

6.1.2. DUTIES AND POWERS

6.1.2.1. The President shall represent FAI on all occasions. The President shall exercise the widest powers permissible within the framework of the Statutes and the policies and decisions of the General Conference. The President's duties shall include :

6.1.2.1.1. - *convening or having convened the General Conference and Executive Board meetings;*

6.1.2.1.2. - *presiding over meetings of the General Conference and the Executive Board. The President shall not vote at the General Conference ;*

6.1.2.1.3. - *signing contracts and financial instruments, where necessary jointly with other Executive Board Members, as prescribed in Statute 7.3 and in By-Laws;*

6.1.2.1.4. - *as an ex-officio member of all FAI Commissions , attending any Commission meetings without exercising a vote ;*

- 6.1.2.1.5. - *when deemed appropriate, inviting any person to attend an FAI meeting for a specific official purpose ;*
- 6.1.2.1.6. - *reporting to the General Conference for the President and for the Executive Board, with recommendations for future actions ;*
- 6.1.2.1.7. - *making temporary officer appointments in the event of death or disability.*
- 6.1.2.1.8. - *appointing a deputy to take over in the event that the President dies, resigns or is temporarily unable to carry out his presidential duties.*

6.1.3. **LIMIT ON REPRESENTATION**

- 6.1.3.1. The President in office shall no longer represent, at FAI events, the Active Member or Air Sport Commission for which he served as a FAI Vice-President. That FAI Active Member or Air Sport Commission may nominate another FAI Vice-President.

6.1.4. **PRESIDENT OF HONOUR**

- 6.1.4.1. By a two thirds majority vote of the Active Member present or represented, the General Conference may bestow the title of President of Honour upon a former President of FAI.
- 6.1.4.2. Presidents of Honour may attend meetings of the General Conference as observers.

6.2. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF FAI
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6.2.1. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

- 6.2.1.1 Six Executive Directors shall be elected for a two-year term by the General Conference.
- 6.2.1.2 Executive Directors may be re-elected for an unlimited number of further two-year terms .
- 6.2.1.3. Candidates for appointment to the Executive Board should have qualifications and experience in leadership and management, derived from the conduct of commercial activities and/or non-profit organisations, and from participation in FAI air sport activities. While serving as Executive Board members, each Executive Director shall undertake a specific area of responsibility.
- 6.2.1.4. There shall be one Executive Director, Finance responsible for financial matters including budgeting and reporting on financial matters to the General Conference.
- 6.2.1.5. Other responsibilities shall be allocated to Executive Directors to suit the current needs of the FAI. These responsibilities may include, but are not limited to such areas as: air sports development, airspace and regulatory matters, business development.
- 6.2.1.6. These responsibilities will be allocated to elected Executive Directors by the FAI President upon their election. The allocation of specific areas of responsibility does not affect the Executive Board's joint responsibility for all decisions taken (4.2.2).
- 6.2.1.7. An Executive Director in office shall no longer represent, at FAI events, the Active Member or Air Sport Commission for which he served as a delegate or in any other capacity. That FAI Active Member or Air Sport Commission may nominate another representative.
- 6.2.1.8. In the event that an Executive Director dies, resigns or is permanently incapacitated, the post shall remain vacant until the next General Conference, at which a new Executive Director shall be elected for the remaining year of the two-year term, or for a full new term, as appropriate.

6.2.2. NOMINATING PROCEDURES

6.2.2.1. Members shall inform the FAI Secretariat not less than three months before the General Conference of the name, professional and aeronautical background and qualifications of the individuals being nominated for the office of FAI Executive Director. Each Member may nominate two candidates. Nominations shall be accompanied by a CV for each individual, in a standard format as specified by the FAI Secretariat.

6.2.2.2. The FAI Secretariat shall prepare a list of the nominees including the CV of each candidate and send it to all Members with the Agenda for the General Conference. The list shall be submitted to the General Conference for election of Executive Directors from among the individuals on the list by simple majority vote.

6.3. THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF FAI
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6.3.1. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

6.3.1.1. The Vice-Presidents shall be the Vice-Presidents nominated by the relevant Active Members, who shall be elected annually by the General Conference, and the Presidents of the FAI Air Sport Commissions, who shall be Vice-Presidents ex officio.

6.3.1.2. They may be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms.

6.3.2. QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO NOMINATE VICE-PRESIDENT REPRESENTING ACTIVE MEMBERS

6.3.2.1. Active Members nominating individuals to the office of Vice-President shall have been involved in FAI activities for a period of not less than two years and during that period shall have complied with the following conditions :

6.3.2.1.1. - *to have satisfied all of their financial obligations to the FAI ;*

6.3.2.1.2. - *to have contributed nationally or internationally to the aims and objectives of FAI ;*

6.3.2.1.3. - *to have participated in FAI activities whenever possible.*

6.3.3. NOMINATING PROCEDURES

6.3.3.1. Active Members shall inform the FAI Secretariat not less than three months before the General Conference of the name and aeronautical and/or astronautical background of the individuals being nominated for the office of FAI Vice-President.

6.3.4. CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES

6.3.4.1. The FAI Secretariat shall prepare a list of the nominees and send it to all Active Members with the Agenda for the General Conference. The list shall be submitted to the General Conference for election by a simple majority vote.

CHAPTER 7

FAI FINANCES

7.1. FINANCIAL YEAR

7.1.1. The FAI financial year shall be the calendar year.

7.2. FAI INCOME

7.2.1. FAI income shall be applied solely in support of the aims and objectives set forth in Paragraph 1.2 and shall be derived from two principal sources:

7.2.1.1. - *membership subscriptions, and*

7.2.1.2. - *existing and future income from air sports, donations, bequests, marketing and other activities.*

7.2.2. The membership subscriptions payable by each member class shall be established by the General Conference. Membership subscriptions for Associate Members admitted under paragraph 2.5.1.1 shall be assessed proportionally to those of the Active member in the country concerned, and shall invariably be higher than the standard Associate member subscription rate. The air sport income budget shall also be established by the General Conference.

7.2.3. Membership subscriptions shall be invoiced by FAI and paid by March 31 of each year. However, in case of need, other terms of settlement may be authorised at the discretion of the Executive Board. Such terms shall be reported to the General Conference at its next meeting thereafter.

7.2.4. Air sport and other income shall be due and payable in accordance with the specific agreements involved. Donations and bequests may be accepted. Expenditures shall be controlled and defined by the Executive Board.

7.3. FAI ACCOUNTS AND SIGNATURES

7.3.1. The FAI Executive Board shall maintain such bank accounts and deposits as it finds appropriate for the conduct of FAI affairs and may authorise signature rights for such accounts/deposits to FAI Officers and/or employees as it finds practical and appropriate.

7.3.2. Establishment of accounts/deposits and authorisation of signatures as set out in 7.3.1 above shall be done by joint signature of the FAI President and the Executive Director (Finance) or by either of these jointly with another Executive Director.

7.4. PENALTIES

- 7.4.1.** Subject to Paragraph 7.2.3. a surcharge of nought point five percent (0.5 %) for each month or fraction thereof shall be imposed on the amount of all dues not fully paid as of April first of each year.
- 7.4.2.** Subject to Paragraph 7.2.3. a Member whose dues are not paid prior to the date of the General Conference shall not be admitted to the Conference except as an observer.
- 7.4.3.** Subject to Paragraph 7.2.3. a Member whose dues are not paid prior to December thirty-first shall be suspended automatically from membership and shall not be permitted to participate in any FAI activities until all outstanding obligations have been satisfied.
- 7.4.4.** In the event of prolonged delay in payment of membership dues, the defaulting Member may be expelled from FAI under the provisions of Section 2.8.

7.5. AUDITS

- 7.5.1.** The FAI accounts shall be audited annually by an Auditor approved by the General Conference. English and French versions of this summary report shall be made available to all FAI Members.

7.6. LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

- 7.6.1.** The liability of an FAI Member shall be limited to the amount of that Member's subscription for the current year.
- 7.6.2.** The FAI shall accept responsibility for all acts carried out by the President, the Executive Board and the Secretary General of FAI under the terms of the FAI Constitution and in good faith.

CHAPTER 8

THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE SECRETARIAT

8.1. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 8.1.1.** The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Executive Board, and reside in the Country where the FAI Headquarters is located. The Secretary General's term and conditions of employment shall be established by the Executive Board at the time of his employment; the terms and conditions may subsequently be re-negotiated by mutual agreement.
- 8.1.2** The Secretary General shall serve as the Managing Director of FAI under the authority of the Executive Board and be responsible for the day to day executive and administrative functions of the FAI.
- 8.1.3** The Secretary General reports to the Executive Board (of which he is a non-voting member).
- 8.1.4** The Secretary General shall administer such business activities as are determined by the Executive Board. He is responsible for monitoring and controlling projects carried out by FAI centrally, and for controlling the FAI Business Plan.
- 8.1.5.** The Secretary General shall co-ordinate relations with governments and with other international organisations.

8.2. AUTHORITY

- 8.2.1.** The Secretary General has the authority to hire and dismiss personnel for Secretariat duties, within the budgetary limits set by the Executive Board. Within the same limitations, he is authorised to engage professional assistance and/or advice for Secretariat purposes as required.
- 8.2.2.** Each year, the Secretary General shall present an annual report to the FAI General Conference with details of Membership development, air sports development and any administrative matters he wishes to bring to the attention of the General Conference.

8.3. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

- 8.3.1.** The Secretary General shall attend but have no voting rights at meetings of the General Conference and shall be a member of the Executive Board without voting rights. The Secretary General may participate in Commission meetings.

8.4. LIMIT ON REPRESENTATION

- 8.4.1.** The Secretary General shall act as an international citizen, and at no time take sides on FAI issues involving different national viewpoints.

8.5. TERMINATION

- 8.5.1.** When the Secretary General's duties terminate, and not more than one month after the appointment of a successor, the Secretary General shall turn over to that successor an assignment of powers and all documents and records for which the Secretary General is responsible in up to date condition. This transfer shall be recorded.