

## **PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2006**

### **Proposed by IGC Bureau**

#### **It is Proposed That:**

The IGC endorses the principle that at least one World Gliding Championships should be held outside of Europe every four years, commencing in 2010, provided that a satisfactory bid has been received from an active IGC member country.

#### **This Proposal affects:**

Sporting Code Section – Nil

Annex A Rule – Nil

Other - Nil

#### **Reasons supporting the Proposal:**

The concept of World Championships is that they should be able to be staged in any active IGC member country. It is acknowledged that there is a significant cost involved for countries that have to spend teams overseas to compete.

However, the Bureau is concerned that there is a risk that the World Championships may be Europeanized. This will increase the costs of participation in World Championships for non-European countries. This situation creates a significant risk that non-European nations will cease their involvement with the IGC and create their own competition circuit.

This would be unacceptable to the IGC.