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Paris, December 28, 2008

Copy to : Max Bishop, Secretary General of the FAI
         Jean-Claude Weber, President of the CIA
         Alex Nagorski, Chairman of the Event Development Service

Subject : 20th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship 2012 bid

Letter of Intent

Dear Mr President,

The Fédération Française d’Aérostation, in conjunction with the city of Vichy, is honoured to submit this intention to bid for the hosting of the 20th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship in August 2012.

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The city of Vichy has hosted the French Nationals in 2008 and wishes to organised the 20th World Hot Air Balloon Championship.

Complementary information, according to the Sporting Code,

The title, dates and place of the event, :
20th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship – August 2012 – Vichy – France
The organiser’s name, coordinates and qualifications:
Fédération Française d’Aérostation – 6, rue Galilée – F-75116 Paris ffa@ffaerostation.org -
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The maximum total number of competitors the organiser is prepared to accommodate:
100 + the top 3 current championship medal holders

The equal number of competitors to be invited from each eligible NAC:
invitation: 2 per country + proportional number of competitors according to the ranking method in
5.6.2.2. All eligible NACs at the date of invitation (December 2011)

The organiser’s policy on entry-fees:
Between 500 € and 1000 € per pilot depending of accommodation option.

Happy holidays,

Martine Besnainou
CIA French delegate