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During the past year and at the beginning of this year, there were several times when I needed to get involved in various situations that potentially caused problems.

These problems mainly relate to:

1. failure to issue sports licenses by the federation,
2. conflicts regarding the organization of the competition
3. unregulated statutory obligations to the FAI (membership)

Individually, the following cases were typical:

1. Colombia

Due to the great commercial and sports boom of one of the most important paragliding destinations in the world, Roldanillo, Colombia, there are various interest groups that dictate the rules of the game, which are often against the interests of the sport and the pilots themselves, as well as the competition organizers. My address to the Colombian NAC was for the reason that there was a danger that two organizers would organize competitions at the same time at the same place, that is, from two different airfields. Which are physically very close. Problem is solved.

2. Montenegro

With personal engagement and acquaintance with Montenegrin important people, we managed to return Montenegro to the FAI family. The debt that existed to the FAI was halved and paid in full, so that Montenegro is a full member of the FAI from January 1, 2024. Further, I visited several potential take offs, so Montenegro is preparing to apply for some bigger competitions, mainly from the ACC, for now.

They are also candidates for the next CIVL Plenary Session, and in this regard I have agreed that for members of the CIVL Bureau, accommodation in the Splendid Hotel will be free.

3. Armenia

I wrote to the Association of Armenia, but I did not receive a concrete answer regarding the Sports Licenses that this association should issue to its residents, that is, members, who are of Russian origin. The problem of the performance of Russian competitors after suspension by the FAI is not a big one, but the Ukrainian Federation opposes even those individual cases, which, in my opinion, are in accordance with the rules of the FAI. Namely, several

Russian competitors have licenses from other countries because they have residence or citizenship of those countries, which is quite legitimate.

4. The Czech Republic

The case of the Czech pilot who was excluded from the competition, with my mediation to the Czech Federation, and reminding that it is their business whether the pilot will be punished or not, ended with the pilot being punished and his license revoked. In the meantime, the punishment has expired, and the pilot can compete again (she did not compete in the previous World Championship in Bulgaria).

5. Brazil

Negotiations are underway to move the Pan American Paragliding Championship by a day or two so that pilots from the Paragliding World Cup Monroe, USA can make it to this competition. We are close to an agreement, although there are many problems.

With respect,

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