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1. Introduction to the FAI Plan

The FAI Strategic Plan 2003-2007, adopted by the FAI Executive Board on 24 January 2003, served as basis for the projects leading to the development of the FAI's visual image and to the celebrations of FAI's first century of existence in 2005. The FAI Strategic Plan was designed to evolve and to serve as a management document for operating the FAI.

The fundamental long-term vision of FAI has not significantly changed, but several projects have been successfully achieved and new needs and expectations have emerged from today's rapidly changing world of sports. In order to make sure that the experience gathered during the last 3 years serves the future of FAI, the Executive Board initiated a complete redrafting of the FAI Strategic Plan at the beginning of 2006.

The introduction of the new FAI Plan will not significantly affect the daily operation of our federation, but should allow a smooth transition towards our newly defined missions. In addition, the simplified presentation of the FAI Plan should help all stakeholders working within the Air Sports community better to understand the challenges that FAI will face in the future, and to adjust their actions to our long-term missions.

2. Long-Term Vision

FAI will strengthen its position as the universally recognised world air sport authority, and strive to ensure that air sports become increasingly available and attractive to future generations throughout the world.

During the last two decades, the rapid development and dissemination of new communication technologies (i.e. Internet, mobile phones, cable TV, pay-per-view TV, etc.) contributed to significant changes in social and economic behaviour. The aims and objectives described in the FAI Statutes are still valid, but we have not yet done enough to adapt air sports to the new trends in today's demanding "zapping culture".

3. FAI Missions

Today more than ever, air sports need a strong and universally recognised international organization capable of supporting its national ambassadors in their efforts to keep air sports available and attractive to future generations. Thanks to the immense knowledge available within FAI, and in spite of its currently limited resources, the FAI has many assets enabling it to strengthen its leading role in the world of air sports. But to achieve this, the FAI also needs the support of all its stakeholders : A better “networking culture” should be developed across the boundaries of our air sports in order to share experience, common values and objectives, and to carry out the Missions.

Enabling Mission

To provide the environment required to achieve the Vision.

The Enabling Mission defines the basic, structural and organizational framework that is needed to successfully achieve the FAI Long-Term Vision.

Mission I

To conserve and exploit FAI's aeronautical heritage and fund of expertise

The FAI is the depository of much aeronautical history. Its Archives contain unique documents relating to the development of FAI and air sports, and to the sporting performances achieved since 1905. The FAI must not only ensure that these archives are correctly indexed and safely conserved for future generations. FAI must also make use of this historical heritage to promote in society the values and enthusiasm generated by the pioneers who explored the third dimension.

FAI and its Air Sport and Technical Commissions have accumulated a tremendous fund of knowledge and experience. This is FAI's main asset; it must be collected and made available to the whole FAI community.

Mission II

To ensure a bright future for air sports

During the last decade, sport has developed into a highly complex and competitive market. In future, only those sports that have the capacity to adapt to new trends and technologies will keep a share of this market. FAI wants air sports to be part of the game.

To achieve this mission, FAI will make every effort to support new technologies and ideas that contribute to the development of attractive competitions and safe air sports. The FAI World Air Games will be one of the key projects for the future.

4. FAI Goals

The following Goals will be carried out to achieve FAI Missions.

Enabling Mission	Goal 1
	Complete programme of FAI modernization and restructuring.
	The structures and decision-making processes within FAI will be further adapted to allow for faster reactions to the ever changing environment. A culture of visionary thinking, creativity, and constructive and proactive attitudes will be encouraged at all levels of FAI.
	Goal 2
	Help ensure access to airspace and flying sites, flight safety and environmental protection.
	While focusing on its core activity (sport), FAI will continue supporting its member countries in their efforts to ensure that the fundamental requirements for practicing air sports are met. In order to cope with this complex task at international and national level, FAI and its member countries will have to develop new ways of combining their resources, and widening their field of action, by extending cooperation and developing synergies with external specialized entities.
Goal 3	
Develop tools for effective internal and external communication.	
Effective communication tools will be one of the key factors required to achieve FAI Missions, and to support FAI in its role as a central source of information and reliable provider of know-how, services and products.	

Mission I	Goal 4
	Add value to historical archives, and conserve a century of sport aviation records and achievements.
	Efforts in indexing and safely conserving FAI's century-old patrimony will continue. A recognized and reliable collection of documents on air and space sporting achievements will be available.
	Goal 5
	Collect and make available to others the expertise within FAI.
	Achieving this goal will improve cooperation between air sports.
Goal 6	
Promote in society the positive values and enthusiasm generated by air sports and flying.	
Fascination for flight, a century of sporting achievements and the heroes who are making aviation history will help FAI in improving the public's interest and enthusiasm for air sports.	

Mission II	Goal 7
	Encourage the development and use of new technologies.
	By recognizing research efforts and encouraging the application of new technologies, FAI will contribute to the development of more attractive, safer and environment-friendly air sports.
	Goal 8
	Develop and promote attractive sporting events.
	Imagination and creative spirit will be required at all levels to develop new types of sporting events and to promote the image and values of air sports.
	Goal 9
	Establish the <i>World Air Games</i> as FAI's flagship event.
	Flagship event of FAI, the <i>World Air Games</i> will award every four years the title of "Champion of Champions" in each air sport. The <i>World Air Games</i> will constitute a privileged testing ground for future air sports.

5. Action Plan 2006 - 2010

Under development.