BELARUSIAN BID UPDATE
2023 WPC AL&ST AND CF

Belarusian Federation of Air Sports (NAC) as main Organizer according to the initial BID for hosting 37th FAI World Parachuting Championship of Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing and 20th FAI World Parachuting Championship of Canopy Formation would like to make an update to the 72nd ISC Plenary Meeting (Bucharest, Romania).

Quick overview about current situation:
- Initial BID for hosting 2022 WPC (AL&ST, CF) in Belarus was prepared and fully approved by delegates during 70th Plenary Meeting in Moscow (25-26 January 2020).
- Because of COVID-19 pandemic situation all the international events were postponed for one year after mutual agreement between ICS and Organizers, including 1cat event in Belarus which was postponed to 2023.
- After the 2020 Belarusian presidential election which was held on Sunday, 9 August 2020, situation in Belarus changed to difficult and became very sensitive.
- Cancellation of flights from EU to Belarus after incident with Ryanair Flight 4978 which happened on 23 May, 2021.
- Ongoing Belarus–European Union border crisis («migrant crisis»). A dialogue between Belarus and EU has recently begun, looks like the first step to improving relationships and situation in general.

Organizing team fully understand current situation regarding Belarus, difficult situation with flights to Belarus from EU (no direct flights at the moment) and official unwillingness from several countries to come to Belarus for the FAI 1cat event. But still our main priority as Organizers is to host 1cat event
Belarusian Federation of Air Sports as Public Association in cooperation with local commercial organizers still ready to host WPC in Belarus and continues its work in this direction. Following initial BID we are focused on site preparation (Hozhevo airfield), during 2022 we plan to finish all the construction part including new hangars, aircrafts apron, taxiways and necessary facilities improvements.

After few discussions with ICS, especially with ICS President, Belarusian Federation of Air Sports suggest to provide an opportunity to hold 1cat event for AL&ST and CF in 2023 to different Organizer (country) and at the same time we would like to ask plenary to secure hosting WPC for AL&ST and CF in Belarus for 2024 year. We are confident that the situation around Belarus should improve in the near future.

Yours Sincerely,

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