Attachment A5

Continental Records Working Group Report to CASI

1. Composition of Working Group:

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2. It was acknowledged by all that Continental Records have already been introduced in two ASCs and a third commission had recently approved changes to its specialist section of the Sporting Code in order to introduce them. In each case this had been done in consultation with the Secretariat and within the existing rules of the General Section of the FAI Sporting Code.

3. When the IGC introduced Continental Records for gliding it defined the boundary between Europe and Asia differently to the other two ASCs (IPC & CIVL), both of which have used the political boundary which the GS stipulates for Continental Championships, rather than a geographic boundary. The IPC and CIVL had both introduced a rule that a record claimant must hold a Sporting Licence issued by a nation within the continent where the record is being claimed. The IGC did not feel that this was appropriate for the gliding community and was also impractical if the geographic boundary was used for continental regions. Three members of the WG feel that these differences should continue to be permitted under any revised wording proposed for the General Section. One member (JCW) feels strongly that FAI rules for Continental Records should ensure that the same criteria are applied to records set in all air sports.

4. There is also a potential problem that has arisen as a result of CASI approving last year's proposal by the Secretary General to change the wording of paragraph 6.1.2 of the General Section by substituting the word "International" for "World" in the first line, thereby requiring a Continental Record to first be recognised as a National Record. It was not noticed at the time that this does not allow for the case where a Continental Record performance cannot be recognised as a National Record because the current National Record is also a World Record set in a different continent. This is easily resolved by reverting to the previous wording of 6.1.2.

5. This Working Group therefore recommends, by a majority, that CASI amend Chapter 6 of the General Section of the FAI Sporting Code as follows:

Paragraph 6.1.2 should revert to the AL8 version:

6.1.2 To be eligible as a~~n International~~ World Record, the performance must have been recognised as a National record by the NAC concerned, except for international team performances in Class G (Parachutes - Largest Formation Record), and for all performances in Class K (Spacecraft) and Class P (Aerospacecraft). In any case the FAI rules have to be fulfilled.

The following paragraphs should be added into Chapter 6:

6.1.3 A performance may meet the certification criteria for a World Record and/or a Continental Regional record. The certification claim must state whether certification is requested as a World Record, a Continental Regional Record or both. The administration fee charged by FAI for certification of each International Record will be charged only once, even if both World and Continental Regional Records are established.

6.1.4 For record purposes Continental Regions shall be as defined in 3.5.4 of this General Section of the Sporting Code for Continental Regional Championships, with one exception: that a FAI Air Sport Commission may stipulate in its own Specialised Section of the Sporting Code that part of the Russian Federation East of the 61° meridian shall b e assigned to Asia.

6.1.5 Each FAI Air Sport Commission shall decide if Continental Regional Records may be established in its activity and, if so, in its own Specialised Section of the Sporting Code, shall set out any specific criteria to be applied to the participants and/or other terms and limitations applicable thereto.