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To: Mr. President, all delegates and alternates of FAI/CIA Ballooning Commission

From: Michael Suchý, delegate, Czech Republic

Subject: Ballooning in the Czech Republic 2009 – delegate´s report

Sporting events: Czech National Championship – 15 participants, no task flown due to bad weather. Common organized event with Slovaks. Competition pilots frequently travelling to abroad, collecting points for the rank list.

Balloon meetings: 13 local balloon meetings, mostly smaller, 1 of them under sanction of the CBF.

Accidents: 0 accidents in 2009, 2 incident – forest landing, powerlines collision.

Prevention: New national activity to support safety in aviation, online presentation <http://www.skolenipilotu.cz/>

Figures: Ballooning on increase. 141 active pilots (rapid increased), 140 active balloons (19 new for the Czech local market – record year), new competitors, young pilots, interest moves to larger sizes – commercial/passenger business grows rapidly, 14 new commercial operators. Thousands of passengers experienced balloon flight in 2009, increased number of total flight hours.

Production: Czech balloon manufacturer Kubicek Balloons reached in total 80 pieces of balloons delivered into 23 world countries in 2009.

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