

ANNEX 2
CASI MEETING, RHODES

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Objet : [casi-bureau] GEORGIA - RIBCHENKOV CASE

Dear CASI Bureau Members, Dear FAI Executive Board Members,

I am taking the unusual step of referring to you a case raised by Mr Gia Gegenava, President of the Georgian Aeronautical Federation. The first attachment is a self-explanatory email exchange (please read from bottom up), resulting from the rejection by the Director of the forthcoming FAI World Aeromodelling Championship (F1) in Ukraine (in full compliance with FAI rules) of an entry from Georgia .

Mr Gegenava called me yesterday, and then wrote the second attachment, also self-explanatory.

Mr Gegenava accepts that he is asking for special treatment outside FAI rules. His contention is that our "2-year ban" rule, which is intended to prevent the use of sporting flags of convenience, does not take into account the special circumstances of people, such as ex-citizens of the Soviet Union, who return to their native country of citizenship after years of exile. He feels that we should have some degree of flexibility in such circumstances, in order to promote the development of air sports in countries such as Georgia, which are experiencing considerable difficulties.

CASI may, in due course, wish to consider the general implications of Mr Gegenava's plea. The immediate question is: Does the CASI/Executive Board wish, exceptionally, to set aside the rule in General Section 8.1.3.6.4. in the case of Mr Ribchenkov?

I would be grateful if Mr Johannesen could kindly coordinate a reply from the CASI Bureau (I have also copied Dr Hirzel, in case CASI wished to have a legal opinion), and if FAI Board Members could kindly indicate their views to me.

Thank you in advance.
With best regards,
Max Bishop
Secretary General