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The 64ème Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett in Poland is postponed to 2021, the 65th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett in Switzerland is postponed to 2022.

Due to the ongoing pandemic situation, hardly predictable scope and duration of the restrictions, as well as taking into consideration teams and audience's we decided to postpone the 64ème Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett FAI World Long Distance Gas Balloon Championship.

The progress in development of the SARS-CoV-2 constantly causes ravages in social life and economy. At current stage it is impossible to foresee the ways the epidemic will develop which means risking eventual cancellation of the championship at the last moment. The restrictions which are now applicable in Poland, like 14-days quarantine for foreigners, or the prohibition on running mass or sport events, make it impossible to carry an undertaking on this international and national level. It is also impossible to predict the limitations applicable in the home countries of potential participants of the championship. Current restrictions don't allow promoting aviation, FAI, Poland, Wroclaw city/region and Aero Club of Poland, which was one of the principles of the championship.

The Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett is a global event. The competition area covers 40 countries in Europe which makes the prediction of restrictions even more difficult.

Distancing of spectators during the launch day at the public location is impossible. This most prestigious and international event requires a lot of global logistics, time for preparation, promotion, communication and joint work between a lot of involved parties. The current situation and unknow near future make it impossible to organize the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett this year.