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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 2008 – delegate´s report

Sporting events: Czech National Championship – 20 participants, 11 tasks in 5 flights. Common event with Slovaks.

Balloon meetings: 11 local balloon meetings, 5 of them under sanction of the CBF.

Accidents: 2 accidents in 2008, broken legs. Hard landing, powerline collision.

Figures: Ballooning on increase. About 100 active pilots, 120 active balloons (14 new for the Czech local market – twice more than usually !), interest moves to larger sizes – commercial, passenger business grows rapidly. Thousands of passengers experienced balloon flight in 2008, 200 EUR for a ticket, best commercial pilots increased number of flights for 150 / year.

Production: Kubicek Balloons increased annual production again for 92 pieces in total into 27 world countries.

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