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Dear IPC Delegates,

We, the International Bodyflight Association (IBA), fully support the French initiative to adapt the Parachuting definitions to make way for Indoor (Wind Tunnel) competitions to become fully recognized by the FAI/IPC.

We believe that with the advances in wind-tunnel technology and the many new windtunnel locations worldwide the time is now right to extend skydiving competitions indoors.

An officially recognized competition would take the sport to new levels, create more competitors amongst non-skydivers and counter the decline in skydiving competitors through introducing skydiving to an unreachable demographic like flyers too young to skydive and the general public that would not want to jump from an aircraft.

Indoor Skydiving is an ever-growing new sport that offers tremendous benefits to the existing skydiving sport as it transforms freefall disciplines into a spectator sport, is not weather dependent and creates the new generation of well trained skydiving competitors. Because it is gaining increased awareness, skydiving would directly benefit from the generated media exposure of official competitions and also assist skydiving competitors in finding sponsor-ships.

A majority of teams competing at Skydiving World Cups and World Championships have competed at local indoor skydiving competitions and have expressed the desire to have an officially recognized competition to participate in.

As an expression of our support, we are prepared to organize the first FAI Indoor competition. This can either be a World Championships in both FS and AE or, if preferred, a World Cup. In either case, this would be a First Category Event.

This is a letter of intent to hold the competition in 2013 if the changes are adopted by the IPC Plenary.

The competition would take place in one of our wind tunnels in the USA and a full bid will be ready for presentation in Buenos Aires in February.

We sincerely hope that you will give your full support to this proposal that will bring a new dimension to the world of skydiving,

Yours sincerely,

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