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To FAI CIVL

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Dear Sirs

**Certified Gliders and Competitions**

Following the Piedrahita incidents last summer the National Associations of the EHPU were pleased to see CIVL's response, namely the suspension of Open Class gliders. However, at the EHPU AGM in Dublin on 11 February 2012 concern was expressed that no satisfactory solution to the problem has yet been found, although we note with optimism that you are still working on this. We therefore hope that CIVL will continue to move toward a means of governance of competition to ensure a satisfactory level of safety, and we look forward to supporting any decision respecting this goal.

However, until that satisfactory solution can be found, the EHPU and its undersigned National bodies have therefore taken the decision that it will only permit CIVL competitions to take place in their respective countries if they are flown on EN certified gliders alone. We have been advised that from the legal point of view there are unacceptable liability risks which will fall at the feet of competition organisers where uncertified gliders are used, and that such liability may extend to the Presidents, directors and boards of the National Bodies that they belong to. It is a risk we are not prepared to accept.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully

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