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Vienna, 13th October 2025

Re: Formal NAC Affirmation of our BID for the Gordon Bennett Cup 2026 in Filzmoos (Austria)

Dear President Claude Weber,

Dear Secretary General Markus Haggeney,

with great pleasure we can finally confirm, that the Austrian Aero-Club (ÖAEC) as the responsible NAC, will host and organise the Gordon Bennet Cup 2026 in Austria in the well-know ballooning village of Filzmoos, therefore in the very heart of the Austrian alps in the Land of Salzburg.

Christoph Fraisl, the also well-known head of our ballooning department will be the operational responsible for this event "on-site" and all sportive issues, while our Secretary General **Raoul Fortner** will take care of the budget and all questions coming with it, as the Austrian Aero-Club is taking direct liability for this great event. We are therefore reassured, as Filzmoos gave us substantial risk-sharing-guarantees for the GBC 2026.

All further details can be found in our formal BID and its sections, sent to you by Christoph via watchmefly.

We are looking forward to a great cooperation between ÖAEC and FAI as well as the international ballooning community for this event, so please don't hesitate to contact us, if you have any further questions.

Sincerely

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