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SUBMISSION OF SAFETY INVESTIGATION REPORT AND SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with Article 16 (1) of Regulation (EU) No 996/2010 of the European Parliament and the Council of 20 October 2010 on the investigation and prevention of accidents and incidents in civil aviation and repealing Directive 94/56/EC (hereinafter – Regulation (EU) No 996/2010), we enclose Safety investigation report of an accident to a hot-air balloon Schroeder G36/24, registration LY-BDR, that occurred on 5 May 2024 in Vilkų Kampas village, Šilutė district, the Republic of Lithuania. The safety investigation report will also be published publicly on [the website of the Safety Investigation Division of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania](#).

We note that, in accordance with Article 5(6) of Regulation (EU) No 996/2010, the sole purpose of the safety investigation is to prevent future accidents and incidents, not to apportion blame or liability. The safety investigation is independent of any judicial or administrative proceedings aimed at determining fault or liability, is not related to them, and has no impact on them. Pursuant to Article 29(6) of the Safety Investigation Law of the Republic of Lithuania, the safety investigation report and its individual parts may not be used as evidence in administrative, pre-trial, or judicial proceedings. Safety recommendations do not in any way establish a presumption of guilt or responsibility for an accident or incident.

In the above Safety Investigation Report one safety recommendation is addressed to the PE Transport Competence Agency:

Safety recommendation No. SR-2026-A-01

It is recommended that the PE Transport Competence Agency would establish and approve the procedures for oversight planning cycle of the organizations declaring their activity, including types of inspections and their planning procedures, ensuring continuous supervision of the organizations declaring their activity.

In accordance with Article 18(1) of Regulation (EU) No 996/2010, please confirm in writing that you have received this letter and, within 90 days of receipt, inform us of the measures taken or

to be taken, and, where appropriate, indicate the time needed to implement those measures. If you do not intend to take any action, please indicate the reasons for your decision. In accordance with Article 18(2) of Regulation (EU) No 996/2010, we will give our opinion on the reply received within 60 days of receipt of the reply.

We inform that in accordance with Article 2 of the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1128 of 1 July 2019 on access rights to safety recommendations and responses stored in the European Central Repository and repealing Decision 2012/780/EU, your response will be published in the publicly available [Safety recommendations information system](#) and on [the website of the Safety Investigation Division of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania](#). Accordingly, your answer shall not contain any information of a confidential nature. If such information is nevertheless required to be provided, it should be sent separately, and its confidentiality emphasized. Otherwise, all confidential information will be depersonalized. Considering that your response will be published on the international Safety Recommendations Information System and in order to avoid translation errors, we kindly ask you to provide your response in English.

ENCLOSURE. Safety Investigation Report of an accident to a hot-air balloon Schroeder G36/24, registration LY-BDR, that occurred on 5 May 2024 in Vilkų Kampas village, Šilutė district, the Republic of Lithuania, 31 pages.

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