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Emne: Item on the NBSAG agenda
To Chairman of the meeting of NBSAG, Nuuk, 2009

During last meeting the following was addressed;

15. Other business.

P-G Bentz suggested that the name Nordic Bird Strike Advisory Group (NBSAG) should be changed to a name like Nordic Bird Strike Group (NBSG), so that there would no more be the word "advisory". He also suggested to contact Baltic countries in order to invite their representatives to the meetings. A decision was made that all the countries should report their comments on the two suggestions to the host country of the next meeting. The comments should be notified to every country, so that the issue can be thoroughly discussed before a decision to be made in the next meeting.

On behalf of the Norwegian Bird Strike Committee I like to express the Norwegian view on the subject. The Norwegian Bird strike Committee endorses the proposal given by Mr. P-G. Bentz. The name of the Nordic Bird Strike Advisory Group should therefore be changed to Nordic Bird Strike Group. The rationale for our view and the endorsement is the way the group is working. To a certain extent the group is more of a discussion forum, rather than actively giving advises to the aviation system. The group is thereby not fulfilling the intentions given in the group title. An alternative solution can of course be to introduce a new way of performing the work, and become more advisory. But, in our view, the experience up to now is that such a change may be difficult to introduce. To ensure consistency between the group statutes and group name, the group may look into the statutes for adjustments.

Regarding the second proposal from Mr. Bentz, the Norwegian view is that an assimilation of the Baltic countries into the group is not ideal at the present time. The NBSAG was founded on the idea of dealing with Bird strike problems specially related to the Nordic characteristics. By extending the realm of the group we might slide into the areas of interest belonging to the European part of IBSC. These two institutions must have sharp borders. In this context the group has an ideal assembly, as it is to day, regarding the original intentions.

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