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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE  
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Standing Committee**

38<sup>th</sup> meeting  
Strasbourg, 27-30 November 2018

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**Possible file**

**Lack of legal protection  
for Northern goshawk and birds of prey  
in Norway**

**- REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT -**

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**ROYAL NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF  
CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT**

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Date

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17 August 2018

**Complaint No 2017/01: Possible file on Lack of legal protection for  
Northern goshawk and birds of prey in Norway**

Dear Mrs. Obretenova,

We refer to your letter of 20. December 2017 to Mr Øystein Størkersen.

In your letter, you mention that the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention re-examined the above-mentioned complaint at its 37th meeting. The Standing Committee decided to keep the file as a possible file and encouraged Norway to close the loophole and bring the specific section of the Act into line with Article 9 of the Bern Convention. Finally, the Standing Committee requested Norway to report to the 2018 meeting of the Standing Committee on progress made to reintegrate the omitted terms.

As reports submitted to the attention of the Standing Committee are usually pre-screened by the Bureau at its second annual meeting, you ask for a report, not later than 13th August 2018, on progress made.

Mr. Størkersen has forwarded your letter to the Ministry of Climate and Environment.

We can inform you that we have started the process on amending the legislation. As in many countries, however, adopting new legislation is a lengthy and comprehensive process, and we do not have much concrete progress to report as of today. However, we expect to have information that is more concrete when we come closer to the Standing Committee meeting in November.

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