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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Terms of Reference for the Group of Experts on
Birds Conservation

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To review current problems of bird conservation in the Convention's area and to suggest appropriate action.

To advise the Standing Committee and Bureau on matters related to bird conservation, receiving papers and written consultation and responding accordingly.

In particular to monitor the implementation of Bird Action Plans in conjunction with the European Union ORNIS Committee, especially those covered by Recommendation No. 48 of the Standing Committee, by receiving and reviewing reports on their implementation and by informing the Standing Committee on the progress made and the points where urgent action is required. The Group may review results of monitoring activities into the status of globally threatened birds, suggest species that may require Action Plans and propose new monitoring activities. The Group may advise on proposals to the Standing Committee on possible amendment of the appendices and the need for special studies to be included in its working programme and present draft recommendations. Additionally, the Group may liaise with the ORNIS Committee, staff of the Bonn Convention Secretariat and its agreements and other expert groups on threatened species, (linking with them into the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy Theme 11 processes), disseminate information on threatened birds and propose other measures and activities which might be appropriate for the conservation of threatened birds.

The Secretariat of the Bern Convention will be assisted by BirdLife International [at its own cost] to liaise and secure follow-up actions between meetings of the Group.