



Fylkeshuset,
3706 Skien, Norway
Tel: +47 35 58 42 00
Fax: +47 35 52 90 44
nsc@northsea.org
www.northsea.org

Item 4

**43rd NSC Executive Committee Meeting,
Schippol 20th October 2006.**

Terms of Reference for the Thematic Groups

Each of the Thematic groups present a draft version of their new Terms of Reference to the Executive Committee for discussions and comments.

These Terms of Reference are the results of the first discussions in the Thematic groups. All groups have decided to look at their Terms of Reference to update them in line with the new organisation. The finalised version of each group Terms of Reference will be presented at the Executive Committee meeting spring 2007.

On behalf of the Secretariat has the Co-ordinator of the Transport group has prepared two papers to clarify the links between the Thematic groups to help in the process of making the new Terms of Reference and the new Work Plans.

- Analysis of roles and functions of NSC thematic groups in light of re-structuring
- NSC - examples of thematic linkages between NSC groups

The papers draft Terms of Reference are enclosed.

The Executive Committee is asked to give their input to the Terms of Reference as guidance for the future work in the groups. Based on the comments from the Executive Committee the groups will modify their Terms of Reference for the spring meeting of the Executive Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. For information / discussions