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Paper for the
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Item 5

NSC ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES

Item 5.1

A proposal for procedures is enclosed.

At the Annual Business Meeting June 17th 2005, the new NSC Charter was adopted. At the same time a set of procedures for elections and voting were requested. A proposal for procedures is now presented for the Annual Business Meeting

Item 5.2

Enclosed is a discussion paper "**The Future Structure of the North Sea Commission – Phase 2**" of May 24th 2006".

There is no wish to dramatically change the organisation, more to update the thematic groups into more EU policy areas and to be able to follow these up.

That the Strategic Committee recommends the proposed changes for approval by the Annual Business Meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. For decision
2. The NSC Annual Business Meeting of June 16th 2006 adopts the presented proposed set of procedures of May 23rd 2006.
3. The NSC Annual Business Meeting of June 16th 2006 adopts the organisation model as presented in the paper "*The Future Structure of the North Sea Commission – Phase 2*" of May 24th 2006
4. Each of the Thematic Groups is asked to update their current Terms of Reference/Roles and Responsibilities for submission to and consideration by the first Executive Committee after the Annual meeting (October 2006).
5. Thematic Groups are required to submit Actions Plans for consideration by the Executive Committee on an annual basis. As agreed at the NSC Annual Business Meeting in 2005 these plans should be prepared in time for consideration and approval by the Executive Committee in the spring.