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Subject: **Invitation to the 5th Meeting of the Committee for Captive Breeding, Reintroduction and Supplementation of Lesser White-fronted Geese in Fennoscandia (12.2.2013)**
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Dear RECAP Committee Members and Observers,

I have the pleasure to invite you to the fifth meeting of the Committee for Captive Breeding, Reintroduction and Supplementation of Lesser White-fronted Geese in Fennoscandia, to be held on 12th of February 2013 here at the UN Campus in Bonn, Germany.

Please find attached the preliminary annotated agenda for the meeting. The meeting documents will be sent to you via e-mail and will also be uploaded on the AEWA website as they become available.

The main issues of this meeting are:

Revision of the Lesser White-fronted Goose Single Species Action Plan in 2013

Based on the expert guidance provided to the RECAP Committee during 2010-2012 on issues such as the genetics of Lesser White-fronted Geese in Fennoscandia, Lesser White-fronted Goose flyways in Europe as well as the definition of the Swedish Lesser White-fronted Goose population, the RECAP Committee is expected to agree on general principles to be taken into account in the revised Single Species Action Plan. The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat will provide countries with a draft proposal for discussion. In addition, the Secretariat will facilitate a short brainstorming session with the goal to produce a revised action framework for those conservation activities being dealt with under the RECAP Committee.

Country Updates

We would like to encourage you to give a short update on recent or ongoing activities in your country, followed by a short discussion.

Please send any comments on and/or additions to the preliminary agenda to Nina (e-mail: nina.mikander@lesserwhitefrontedgoose.aewa.info) by the **31st of January 2013 at the latest**.

Previous RECAP meetings have been chaired by the Secretariat, notably by the AEWA Executive Secretary. In my present capacity as Acting Executive Secretary of AEWA I am again at your disposal to chair the meeting, provided that this is agreeable to all Committee members. Should you have any different proposals concerning the Chair of the meeting, please communicate this to us by the 31st of January.

Following your preliminary confirmation of dates for the meeting, the Secretariat would appreciate to receive notice of the size and composition of your delegation as soon as possible. Due to security regulations at the UN Campus all participants must be registered in order to gain entrance to the premises. Please send Nina details on who will be



attending the meeting as part of your national delegation **by the 31st of January**. Please remember to bring your passport or identity card with you for the security check.

Please make your own hotel and travel arrangements for the meeting. Please also note that the Secretariat cannot cover any costs of travel, hotel accommodation or subsistence associated with the meeting. In case you encounter any problems or for any feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to meeting you and your colleagues here in Bonn and would like to thank you in advance for your contributions and cooperation!

Yours sincerely,


Marco Barbieri
Acting Executive Secretary

