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Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada**1. Opening by the Interim Chair, Patrick Moran (United States of America)**

The interim Chair, Patrick Moran (United States of America), opened the meeting at 09:00 hours on Wednesday, 03 May 2023. The Chair welcomed representatives, both in person and virtually, from the following Contracting Parties (CPs): Canada, Denmark (in respect of Faroe Islands and Greenland), European Union, Iceland, Japan, Norway, Russian Federation, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and United States of America (Annex 1).

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

The NAFO Secretariat was appointed as rapporteur.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Following the rules outlined in the *Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Rules of Procedure regarding data confidentiality and participation in meetings* (COM Doc. 22-19), the Chair highlighted a nomination for in-camera sessions for agenda items 4, 5, and a portion of agenda item 6. The Chair noted that the Secretariat would not be presenting information that may be subject to confidentiality measures under agenda item 6, and it was agreed that the item would be held in an open session. The Chair also noted that the United States of America objected to hold agenda item 5 in a closed session. Specifically, the United States of America pointed out that neither the agenda topic, “Review of Article 30,” nor the associated working papers contained sensitive information. The European Union noted that a portion of the working paper contained information available only on the MCS website and they wanted to discuss an open or ongoing investigation of an alleged infringement. Contracting Parties agreed that for this meeting, agenda item 4 and a small portion of the discussions under agenda item 5 would be discussed under an in-camera session.

The agenda was adopted as circulated (Annex 2).

4. Annual Compliance Review, 2022

The NAFO Secretariat presented the DRAFT Compilation of Fisheries Reports 2022 in STACTIC WP 23-01 (Revised). Contracting Parties thanked the Secretariat for the work and provided initial comments and clarifications. Contracting Parties agreed to forward any further comments on STACTIC WP 23-01 (Revised) to the NAFO Secretariat by 09 June 2023 for inclusion in the final version that will be circulated on 19 June 2023 in accordance with Rule 5.1(e) of the *NAFO Rules of Procedure and Financial Regulations*.

The NAFO Secretariat presented the Draft Annual Fisheries and Compliance Review in STACTIC WP 23-02 (Revised). Contracting Parties provided initial comments and feedback on the document and agreed to submit further comments to the Secretariat by 09 June 2023 for incorporation into the document. Representatives from Canada, European Union, and the United States of America agreed to assist the NAFO Secretariat in preparing a draft of the recommendations and conclusions sections in advance of the 2023 Annual Meeting.

The Secretariat also highlighted the addition to the draft compliance review of two graphs summarizing catch per unit effort (CPUE) by engine power and vessel class size, following a request from Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) from the 2022 Annual Meeting. Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) noted that the information is useful to get a better picture of how the fishery is developing, but that a separate, more detailed analysis by Contracting Party should be completed. The Secretariat agreed, with input from Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland), to conduct further CPUE analyses for presentation at the 2024 STACTIC Intersessional Meeting.

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The NAFO Secretariat also presented the Summary of Inspection Information for 2022 in STACTIC WP 23-03 (Revised). Contracting Parties provided initial comments and feedback on the document and agreed to submit further comments to the NAFO Secretariat by 09 June 2023.

Throughout the presentation of the compliance review documents, the European Union sought clarification on the way in which infringements were counted in 2022. The European Union highlighted a difference in how infringements were counted in 2022 as compared to previous years, potentially resulting in an apparent increase in the number of infringements for 2022. Canada and the European Union agreed to reflect on this issue and provide guidance to the NAFO Secretariat by the 09 June 2023 deadline.

It was **agreed** that:

- **Contracting Parties will provide written comments on the Draft Compilation of Fisheries Reports 2022 (STACTIC WP 23-01 (Revised)), the Draft Annual Fisheries and Compliance Review (STACTIC WP 23-02 (Revised)), and the Summary of Inspection Information for 2022 (STACTIC WP 23-03 (Revised)) by 09 June 2023.**
- **to facilitate consistency, Canada and the European Union will discuss the infringement counting methodology and provide guidance to the NAFO Secretariat by 09 June 2023.**
- **the NAFO Secretariat, with assistance from representatives from Canada, the European Union, and the United States of America, will prepare a draft of the recommendations and conclusions sections for STACTIC WP 23-02 (Revised) in advance of the 2023 Annual Meeting.**
- **the NAFO Secretariat, with input from Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland), will conduct further analyses of the available CPUE information for presentation at the 2024 STACTIC Intersessional Meeting.**

5. Review of Article 30 of the NAFO CEM

In an in-camera session, the NAFO Secretariat presented the Summary of Observer Information for 2022 in STACTIC WP 23-04 (Revised). The European Union noted that some of the information submitted in accordance with Article 30.9(c) and included in the working paper, is intended for posting to the MCS Website. It was agreed to remove that information from the working paper and continue the related discussions in an open session. The revised working paper (STACTIC WP 23-04 (Rev. 2)) was also updated to include information received from Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands). It was noted that there is information missing from those Contracting Parties that applied the derogation in accordance with Article 30.6 of the NAFO CEM. Contracting Parties that utilize the derogation are required to submit a detailed report in accordance with Article 30.6(e). All Contracting Parties deploying observers should submit the report referred to in Article 30.9(c). Norway, having sent the wrong form, also indicated that it would submit the outstanding information to the NAFO Secretariat for inclusion in the working paper. Contracting Parties agreed to provide any outstanding information to (STACTIC WP 23-04 (Rev. 2)) by 09 June 2023.

The Chair of the STACTIC Observer Program Review Working Group (WG-OPR), Brent Napier (Canada), provided a status update, noting that the group had not been able to meet since the 2022 Annual Meeting. The Chair reflected on the important work already completed by the group in developing recommendations for the NAFO Observer Program in STACTIC WP 22-48 (Rev. 2), and the need for WG-OPR to reconvene. Contracting Parties agreed to a three-day WG-OPR meeting to be hosted by Canada in advance of the 2023 Annual Meeting, with virtual options to facilitate participation. The NAFO Secretariat will circulate a poll for date selection following the end of this meeting.

It was **agreed** that:

- **Contracting Parties will submit any outstanding information for inclusion into STACTIC WP 23-04 (Rev. 2) by 09 June 2023.**
- **the next meeting of the WG-OPR will be a three-day, hybrid meeting hosted by Canada.**

- **the NAFO Secretariat will circulate a poll for date selection for the next WG-OPR meeting following the conclusion of this meeting.**

6. NAFO MCS website and application development

In relation to the NAFO MCS Website, the NAFO Secretariat reported that an external cyber security vendor (Bulletproof) will conduct a security audit on the website in May 2023. The Secretariat also reported that a training session was held with members of the United States Coast Guard in April 2023, and that Contracting Parties are welcome to submit further requests for enhancements to the MCS Website.

In relation to the Observer Application, the Secretariat reported that the app was trialed during the NAFO European Union Observers Workshop in November 2022, and an at-sea trial of the app is scheduled for this summer. It was noted that there was a recommendation at the 2022 Annual Meeting for a small group of Contracting Party representatives to meet regularly to assist the NAFO Secretariat with the development of the observer application. Contracting Parties also requested that the NAFO Secretariat provide a status update on the observer application at the next WG-OPR meeting.

The NAFO Secretariat presented the latest Single Point of Contact for Contracting Parties in STACTIC WP 23-05 and requested Contracting Parties to provide any updates for inclusion in the MCS Website.

It was agreed that:

- **the NAFO Secretariat, via correspondence, request Contracting Parties to put forward representatives to aid the NAFO Secretariat on the continued development of the Observer Application.**
- **the NAFO Secretariat provide an update on the status of the observer application at the next WG-OPR meeting.**

7. New and pending proposals on enforcement measures: Possible revisions of the NAFO CEM

Japan presented a proposal for the squid fishery in STACTIC WP 23-09. Japan noted that there is a potential for a serious infringement to occur if vessels are targeting squid with a 60 mm mesh size and redfish represents the largest catch in a single haul. This resulting serious infringement would relate to targeting of redfish with an unauthorized mesh size. Japan indicated that the proposal is intended to introduce an exemption to allow vessels to target squid with a 60 mm mesh size while reducing the risk of an infringement being issued. Contracting Parties thanked Japan for the proposal and agreed with the intent of the proposal. Comments and suggestions were provided to Japan, and it was agreed that Japan would work with Contracting Parties to update the wording of the proposal for presentation at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

The European Union presented a proposal for catch reporting in Article 28.6 of the NAFO CEM in STACTIC WP 23-12, requiring the use of CAT messages to report the catches of the day in which the vessel leaves the NAFO Regulatory Area instead of using a COX message, noting that this proposal has been discussed at previous meetings. Contracting Parties thanked the European Union for their efforts on the proposal, and with a small editorial change, it was agreed to forward STACTIC WP 23-12 (Revised) to the Commission for adoption.

The European Union presented a proposal on measures for pelagic redfish and deep pelagic beaked redfish in STACTIC WP 23-13, noting that a similar proposal was adopted at the 2022 NEAFC Annual Meeting. Some Contracting Parties supported the proposal from the European Union, some supported the principle behind the proposal, one did not support the proposal, while others required more time to review it. Contracting Parties agreed to continue the discussions at the 2023 Annual Meeting. The Russian Federation stated that they cannot support the proposal due to the fact that it forces the Contracting Parties to deny landings, transshipment and other port services, which is, in their view, beyond the mandate of either STACTIC or the Commission. The European Union expressed the view that the proposal is under the remit of both the NAFO and NEAFC Conventions and noted that it has been adopted by NEAFC at its 2022 Annual Meeting. Norway remarked that

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it abstained from voting on the proposal presented at 2022 NEAFC Annual Meeting, and is therefore not covered by the ban.

Canada highlighted that they are continuing to work with concerned Parties on the proposal for the addition of date of capture to product labelling requirements in STACTIC WP 22-25 (Revised) and will bring a revision to the 2023 Annual Meeting. Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) will work bilateral with Canada to find a text for a joint proposal.

Canada presented a preliminary proposal to modify bycatch measures in STACTIC WP 23-14. Canada highlighted a recent issue that Canadian vessels fishing 3LNO yellowtail have faced in relation to the bycatch provisions for American plaice due to changing environmental conditions. Contracting Parties thanked Canada for the initial proposal and agreed to provide comments intersessionally for further discussion at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

It was **agreed** that:

- **Japan will incorporate feedback from Contracting Parties on the proposal for the squid fishery in STACTIC WP 23-09 for presentation at the 2023 Annual Meeting.**
- **the proposal on catch reporting (Article 28(6) NAFO CEM) outlined in STACTIC WP 23-12 (Revised) be forwarded to the Commission for adoption.**
- **discussions on the European Union proposal on measures for pelagic redfish and deep pelagic beaked redfish in STACTIC WP 23-13 continue at the 2023 Annual Meeting.**
- **Canada will bring a revised proposal for the addition of date of capture to product labelling requirements in STACTIC WP 22-25 (Revised) to the 2023 Annual Meeting.**
- **Contracting Parties will provide comments to Canada on the proposal to modify bycatch measures for greater flexibility in STACTIC WP 23-14 intersessionally and continue discussions on this proposal at the 2023 Annual Meeting.**

8. Practical application of Port State Measures in NAFO

The Chair opened this agenda item and reflected on the discussions from the 2022 Annual Meeting stemming from the working paper presented by Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) in STACTIC WP 22-53 on the calculation of the percent difference in the PSC3 reports. Contracting Parties agreed that a footnote in section B2 of the PSC3, explaining the calculation to be used, may improve consistency. Contracting Parties use different values to calculate the percent difference and the margin of tolerance for the enforcement of discrepancies between reported and verified quantities, but there was general agreement on the importance of a standard method of calculation. It was also noted that NAFO and NEAFC use the same PSC3 reports, and vessels may conduct fishing activities in both Convention Areas on the same trip. Accordingly, the Committee agreed that the Chair of STACTIC should send a letter to the Chair of PECMAC highlighting this issue and requesting feedback. The letter was drafted and endorsed by STACTIC during this meeting.

Contracting Parties also reflected on the work on the Global Information Exchange System (GIES) by the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA) Secretariat, recalling the 2022 Annual Meeting agreement that the NAFO Secretariat engage with the FAO Secretariat on the GIES project to determine the potential integration of the NAFO reporting system with the GIES system.

Contracting Parties additionally reflected on the 2022 Annual Meeting recommendation for a small group of Contracting Party representatives to assist the NAFO Secretariat with the development of the e-PSC system.

The Russian Federation informed the Contracting Parties that in accordance with the *Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing* (ratified by the Russian Federation effective from March 10, 2021) there is now determined that the Federal Agency for Fisheries shall

be the body acting as the focal point of the Russian Federation for the exchange of information within the framework of the implementation of the Agreement, and the respective rules for such exchange of information have been approved.

It was **agreed** that:

- **a letter be sent from the STACTIC Chair to the PECMAC Chair providing an update on the discussions relating to the differences in the calculation of the percentages in the PSC3 forms and requesting feedback.**
- **the NAFO Secretariat will engage with the FAO Secretariat on the GIES system to determine the data exchange opportunities between NAFO and the GIES.**
- **the NAFO Secretariat, via correspondence, request Contracting Parties to put forward representatives to aid the NAFO Secretariat on the development of the NAFO e-PSC system.**

9. Marking of gears

The NAFO Secretariat presented a summary of the measures relating to the marking of gears outlined in the *Convention on Conduct of Fishing Operations in the North Atlantic* in STACTIC WP 23-11. Contracting Parties reflected on the previous discussions relating to the marking of gear, noting they stemmed from a proposal to update the NAFO CEM reference to the *Convention on Conduct of Fishing Operations in the North Atlantic* with a reference to the *FAO Voluntary Guidelines on the Marking of Fishing Gear*, and the mapping exercise that was completed by Contracting Parties in STACTIC WP 22-42 (Rev. 2). Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) noted that the marking of fishing gear according to the Convention is a well-established standard and it would be very questionable to start changing this principle. However, it could be obvious to assess which electronic markings, such as AIS transponders on the buoys, can help to better avoid conflicts between line- and gillnetters and trawlers. In addition, there is also the question of whether NAFO wants to explore options for a better way to be able to identify the ownership of abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG), which is also mentioned in FAO's guidelines on marking of fishing gear.

The European Union highlighted that the NAFO CEM contains a specific reference for marking of gears, but not for marking of vessels, and it could be prioritized to have minimum clear standards for vessels' markings. Contracting Parties agreed with this way forward noting that this was not an immediate priority for STACTIC, though if time allows, STACTIC may continue discussions of vessel marking requirements at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Contracting Parties also requested the NAFO Secretariat to investigate the vessel and gear marking requirements from other RFMOs and report back at the 2024 STACTIC Intersessional meeting.

It was **agreed** that:

- **the NAFO Secretariat research the vessel and gear marking requirements of other RFMOs and report back at the 2024 STACTIC Intersessional meeting.**
- **STACTIC may continue discussions on the vessel marking requirements in the NAFO CEM at the 2023 Annual Meeting, if time allows.**

10. Report and Recommendations of the Editorial Drafting Group (EDG)

The Chair highlighted the report of the Editorial Drafting Group (EDG) meeting that took place on 31 October 2022 in STACTIC WP 22-53 and noted the recommendation for STACTIC: *The issue of how domestic laws can be enforced, or even known, in Article 12.1(d bis) be forwarded to the 2023 STACTIC Intersessional Meeting for review.* Contracting Parties reviewed the current text of Article 12.1(d bis) of the NAFO CEM and agreed that NAFO inspection presence would require information on whether a Contracting Party requires the vessels to retain incidental catch of Greenland shark onboard their vessels under domestic legislation. Contracting Parties agreed that it would be useful to have this information from those Contracting Parties requiring the retention on board of Greenland shark, and to circulate this information to NAFO Contracting Parties in a simplified format and that a possible way of reporting this information should be looked at. Norway, recognizing the

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importance of having the information available to NAFO inspectors, but expressed concerns on whether STACTIC was the appropriate body to introduce this reporting requirement. Additionally, STACTIC highlighted several editorial issues with the text of Article 12.1(d bis) and agreed to forward a review of the article to the EDG.

Contracting Parties agreed that an EDG meeting is required in advance of the 2023 Annual Meeting and reflected on the possibility of holding it back-to-back with the WG-OPR meeting. It was agreed that the NAFO Secretariat will circulate a poll for date selection with the poll for the WG-OPR meeting.

It was **agreed** that:

- **Contracting Parties requiring the retention on board of Greenland shark catches will inform the NAFO Secretariat, who will circulate this information to NAFO Contracting Parties.**
- **the EDG will review the text of Article 12.1(d bis) of the NAFO CEM.**
- **the next meeting of the EDG may take place back-to-back with the WG-OPR, in hybrid format, and that the NAFO Secretariat will circulate a poll for date selection along with the WG-OPR meeting poll.**

11. Half-year review of the implementation of new NAFO CEM measures

The NAFO Secretariat noted that there were no substantive issues to raise under this agenda item that are not already being discussed under other agenda items. Canada reflected that the streamlining of the notification for observers (adopted in COM Doc. 22-10) has been helpful in terms of administrative process.

12. Review and evaluation of Practices and Procedures

The NAFO Secretariat presented the latest list of Contracting Party practices and procedures in STACTIC WP 23-06, noting that the information has been divided between the NAFO public website and the NAFO Members' pages, as agreed at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

The European Union provided a presentation on the Post Activity Risk Assessment (PARA) procedures for port inspections of vessels that have conducted fishing operations in the NAFO Regulatory Area. The presentation outlined the information and procedures conducted by European Union Member States' control authorities and EFCA staff prior to the vessels' entry into port for each NAFO fishing trip. Contracting Parties thanked the European Union for the presentation noting it was an excellent example of best practices for risk assessments for port inspections.

13. Review of current IUU list pursuant to NAFO CEM, Article 53

The NAFO Secretariat presented the latest version of the NAFO IUU list in STACTIC WP 23-10. The Secretariat also highlighted the vessels on the provisional IUU lists for listing and de-listing for review by STACTIC. The NAFO Secretariat reflected on the difficulties in making the required updates to the IUU list, noting that several RFMOs are now cross-listing IUU lists, and that this process has led to confusion for updating the IUU list. Contracting Parties noted the concerns of the Secretariat, and that there have also been discussions on centralizing the IUU list within Contracting Party delegations, and that this is something to work toward in future.

Additionally, the Secretariat requested guidance from STACTIC on whether vessel name changes could be incorporated by the Secretariat intersessionally, or if they should be included on the provisional IUU list for review by STACTIC. Contracting Parties agreed that if a name change has been posted by the originating RFMO, then the NAFO Secretariat can make the change intersessionally. The European Union also noted that it had provided additional comments on the IUU list to the NAFO Secretariat in writing relating to duplicates, and the NAFO Secretariat agreed to provide an updated list for further discussion at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

It was **agreed** that:

- **the NAFO Secretariat will make the required edits to the NAFO IUU list for presentation at the 2023 Annual Meeting.**

14. Report and advice of the Joint Advisory Group on Data Management (JAGDM)

The NAFO Secretariat provided an update from the latest Joint Advisory Group on Data Management (JAGDM) meeting that took place on 21 March 2023, and highlighted the meeting report in JAGDM 2023-01. The European Union highlighted that the latest JAGDM meeting discussed the COX report and the number of characters in some of the NAF data elements, and that related proposals will be brought forward to STACTIC.

15. Discussion on garbage disposal onboard vessels

The NAFO Secretariat presented an update on the STACTIC request to the Scientific Council in STACTIC WP 23-07, noting the request was removed from the Commission requests to the Scientific Council due to the current workload of the Scientific Council. The Scientific Council highlighted that the most current work on the subject was completed by the Scientific Council Working Group on Ecosystem Science and Assessment (WG-ESA). Contracting Parties agreed to have the WG-OPR reflect on whether data collection on garbage disposal by the NAFO Observers is a possible first step in acquiring further information to determine the scale of the issue.

It was **agreed** that:

- **the WG-OPR will consider the possibility of adding data collection on garbage disposal at sea as a task for the NAFO Observers.**

16. Implementation of the Performance Review Recommendations

The NAFO Secretariat presented the recommendations from the WG-PR relevant to STACTIC in STACTIC WP 23-08. Contracting Parties had detailed discussions on each of the outstanding recommendations from the NAFO Performance Review. The current status of each of the items was updated during the meeting in STACTIC WP 22-08 (Rev. 2). Further discussion will take place at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Regarding the recommendation on flag State Performance Evaluation, Contracting Parties differed on the need to carry out a flag State Performance Evaluation at NAFO level. Contracting Parties agreed to review the FAO Guidelines criteria and to convey any comments to the NAFO Secretariat, in case a Contracting Party had not submitted comments yet.

It was **agreed** that:

- **Contracting Parties, who have not already done so, will review the FAO Guidelines criteria and convey any comments to the NAFO Secretariat.**

17. Preliminary Discussion on the Review of Article 4 of the NAFO CEM

The Chair noted the provisions of Article 4.7 of the NAFO CEM, and the requirement for NAFO to review the measures of Article 4 in 2023. It was highlighted that there was a research plan recently circulated by Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) for Div. 3M Cod. Contracting Parties raised questions to Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) on the provisions of the research plan, and the experience implementing the new measures that were adopted at the 2022 Annual Meeting, in particular the requirement to have an observer on board. Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland) noted that all catch from the research activity will be counted against the national quota and that the new measures were taken into account when putting forward the research plan. Contracting Parties noted an observer should be on board a commercial research vessel unless otherwise supported by the opinion of the NAFO Scientific Council. Contracting Parties noted that further review of the provisions will be required at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

It was **agreed** that:

- **the review of Article 4 of the NAFO CEM will continue at the 2023 Annual Meeting.**

18. Other Business

a. Report and Recommendations of the Working Group on Control of Landing Obligations

It was noted that the reply to the request from the NAFO Commission, regarding what control elements would be necessary for NAFO to adopt a landing obligation policy, was forwarded to the Commission at the 2022 Annual Meeting in STACTIC WP 22-34, and that there was no further action required from STACTIC on this item at this time. Without prejudice to future decisions on this topic, Contracting Parties agreed that STACTIC should interact with other NAFO subsidiary bodies to understand the state of play of the discussions on a landing obligation policy and to offer support and engagement on those discussions if needed.

It was **agreed** that:

- **the STACTIC Chair will interact with relevant NAFO subsidiary bodies and provide STACTIC with an update on the state of play of the discussions on a landing obligation policy at the 2023 Annual Meeting.**

b. STACTIC Participation

Contracting Parties reflected on the success of the *STACTIC Rules of Procedure regarding data confidentiality and participation in meetings* that were adopted at the 2022 Annual Meeting in COM Doc. 22-19. The Secretariat asked for clarification on whether STACTIC would like the new Rules of Procedure to be incorporated into the broader NAFO Rules of Procedure. It was agreed to keep the document separate for now, noting that it has been adopted by the Commission and carries the same weight as the *NAFO Rules of Procedure*. It was also agreed to post the STACTIC Rules of Procedure on the same public webpage as the *NAFO Rules of Procedure*.

The NAFO Secretariat also highlighted the challenges with implementing a mail vote procedure within the two-day timeframe following Rule 6.e in advance of this meeting, particularly if interpreted to mean two calendar or working days. Contracting Parties reflected that in many cases, working papers are not available until two days before the meeting, such that the decisions to proceed in-camera may not be possible any earlier. Additionally, Contracting Parties noted that the mail vote procedure is only to be implemented if consensus is not reached, and that the discussions under the adoption of the agenda were appreciated at this meeting.

19. Time and place of next meeting

The next STACTIC meeting will be held in Vigo, Spain from 18–22 September 2023.

20. Adoption of report

The report was adopted on 05 May 2023, prior to the adjournment of the meeting.

21. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 hours on 05 May 2023. Contracting Parties expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Chair for his leadership. The Chair and Contracting Parties thanked the NAFO Secretariat for hosting and providing support during the meeting.

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Annex 2. Agenda

1. Opening by the Interim Chair, Patrick Moran (United States of America)
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Annual Compliance Review, 2022
5. Review of Article 30 of the NAFO CEM
6. NAFO MCS website and application development
7. New and pending proposals on enforcement measures: Possible revisions of the NAFO CEM
8. Practical application of Port State Measures in NAFO
9. Marking of gears
10. Report and Recommendations of the Editorial Drafting Group (EDG)
11. Half-year review of the implementation of new NAFO CEM measures
12. Review and evaluation of Practices and Procedures
13. Review of current IUU list pursuant to NAFO CEM, Article 53
14. Report and advice of the Joint Advisory Group on Data Management (JAGDM)
15. Discussion on garbage disposal onboard vessels
16. Implementation of the Performance Review Recommendations
17. Preliminary Discussion on the Review of Article 4 of the NAFO CEM
18. Other business
 - a. Report and Recommendations of the Working Group on Control of Landing Obligations
 - b. STACTIC Participation
19. Time and place of next meeting
20. Adoption of report
21. Adjournment