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In all correspondence please refer to:

NAFO/23-059

16 February 2023

TO: All Contracting Parties;

Representatives of STACTIC; and Chairs of Commission and STACTIC

Dear Colleagues,

Subject: Meeting Date – *NAFO STACTIC Intersessional meeting*, 03–05 May 2023 in Halifax, Nova

Scotia, Canada

Further to NAFO/23-052 of 08 February 2023, in which it was proposed that the *NAFO STACTIC Intersessional Meeting* be held 03–05 May 2023, no concerns were received from NAFO Contracting Parties.

For that reason, we wish to confirm that the NAFO STACTIC Intersessional Meeting will be held 03–05 May 2023 at the NAFO Secretariat (Summit Place, 1601 Lower Water Street, Suite 401) in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. For those Contracting Parties that are unable to attend the meeting in-person, Webex capabilities will be provided.

In order to facilitate participants' travel arrangements, please find enclosed general information including hotel accommodations and current requirements when travelling to Canada.

For logistical planning in ensuring that the NAFO Secretariat boardroom has appropriate space to hold the meeting, we would appreciate receiving from Contracting Parties the names of delegates planning to participate in the meeting both in-person and virtually. We would appreciate receiving this information **as soon as possible**. Depending on the number of delegates attending in-person, a more suitable meeting venue nearby may be necessary.

All relevant meeting documentation will be accessible on the NAFO Meetings SharePoint (https://meetings.nafo.int/stactic/) as it becomes available.

We kindly ask your assistance in providing this information to the members of your meeting delegation. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir Executive Secretary

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Enclosed: General Information and Travel to Canada: Testing and Borders (02 pgs.)

NAFO Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) Intersessional Meeting

03–05 May 2023 Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

General Information

NAFO Secretariat

The meeting will be held at the NAFO Secretariat, which is located in downtown Halifax:

Summit Place 1601 Lower Water Street, Suite 401 Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada https://www.nafo.int/

WebEx

For those Contracting Parties that are unable to attend the meeting in-person, WebEx capabilities will be provided.

The Secretariat staff will be available for technical support during the meeting. "*Breakout rooms*" will be available for smaller group meetings and/or bilateral consultations, as required.

Hotel Accommodations

In close vicinity to the NAFO Headquarters:

Courtyard by Marriott Halifax Downtown	Four Points by Sheraton Halifax
5120 Salter St., Halifax, NS	1496 Hollis St., Halifax, NS
Ph: ±1 902-428-1900	Ph: +1 902-423-4444

The Hollis Halifax - a DoubleTree Suites	Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel
1649 Hollis St, Halifax, NS	1919 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Ph: +1 902-429-7233	Ph: +1 902-421-1700

Residence Inn by Marriott Halifax Downtown	The Prince George Hotel Halifax
1599 Grafton St., Halifax, NS	1725 Market St., Halifax, NS
Ph: +1 902-422-0493	Ph: +1 800-565-1567

The Sutton Place Hotel Halifax	Cambridge Suite Hotel Halifax
1700 Grafton St., Halifax, NS	1583 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS
Ph: +1 902-932-7548	Ph: +1 902-420-0555

Muir, Autograph Collection	The Barrington Hotel
1709 Lower Water St., Halifax, NS	1875 Barrington St, Halifax, NS
Ph: +1 902-407-6847	Ph: +1 902-429-7410

Hotel reservations are to be made by participants directly with the hotel.

Transportation

Taxi service provided by:

Casino Taxi Yellow Cab

Ph: +1 902-425-6666 or +1 902-429-6666 Ph: +1 902-420-0000 www.casinotaxi.ca www.vellowcabhalifax.ca

Public Transportation

Halifax Transit is Halifax's public bus and ferry service provider. For current schedules and fares, visit Halifax Transit.

Tips on travelling to and from the airport:

- It takes about 30-40 minutes to get from the airport to downtown Halifax.
- Take the Metro Regional Express Bus (route #320) for just \$4.25 CAD (exact change or a \$5 bill).
- Head to the lower level of the airport to rent a car. You'll need \$1.25 CAD for the bridge toll (exact change) if you're heading to Halifax via Dartmouth.
- Take a taxi or limo right from the airport to downtown Halifax for \$55.00-\$65.00 CAD.
- Uber is now available in Halifax.
- You can find more information on transportation from the Halifax Airport here.

Dining Options

Downtown Halifax is the urban core of the region, complete with hundreds of food options within walking distance. Check out the <u>Official Halifax Visitor Guide</u> for ideas and more information.

Tourist information

For additional tourist information, visit www.discoverhalifaxns.com

Travel to Canada: Testing and Borders

COVID-19

All federal border testing, quarantine, and isolation to enter Canada requirements ended on October 1, 2022. Be sure to visit the <u>COVID-19</u>: <u>Travel</u>, <u>testing and borders website</u>, to ensure you have the most up to date information.

Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

Most travellers need a visa or an <u>Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)</u> to fly to, or transit through, a Canadian airport. The eTA can be completed online and costs CAD \$7.00. You can find more information about applying for an eTA <u>here.</u>