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**Resolution to Guide the Expectations of Future New Members with Regard  
to Fishing Opportunities in the NAFO Regulatory Area**

The Contracting Parties,

NOTING that in accordance with relevant principles of international law, the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) is the competent regional fishery management organization, and in accordance with the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (hereafter, the “Convention”), it has implemented conservation and management measures for particular stocks in the Convention Area;

NOTING Article XI(4) of the Convention;

NOTING Article 11 of the UN Agreement for the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks; and

DESIRING to guide the expectations of future new members with regard to fishing opportunities in the NAFO Regulatory Area;

HAVE AGREED to the following guidance:

1. NAFO is an open organization. Non-members may join the Organization by depositing an instrument of accession in accordance with Article XXII of the Convention. In accordance with Article IV of the Convention, all Contracting Parties are members of the General Council.
2. Should any new member of NAFO obtain membership in the Fisheries Commission, in accordance with Article XIII (1) of the Convention, such new members should be aware that presently and for the foreseeable future, stocks managed by NAFO are fully allocated, and fishing opportunities for new members are likely to be limited, for instance, to new fisheries (stocks not currently allocated by TAC/quota or effort control), and the “Others” category under the NAFO Quota Allocation Table.