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Dear International Partners:

Exercise NOBLE SKYWAVE 2024 (EX NS 2024) is a High Frequency (HF) radio communications competition conducted annually by the Canadian Armed Forces Communication and Electronics (C&E) Branch. This year, the competition is being hosted by Canadian Forces Joint Signal Regiment (CFJSR). After the success of last year's competition with the support of our Allied partners, the Canadian Armed Forces is using the momentum to conduct EX NOBLE SKYWAVE 2024 (EX NS 24). The joint High Frequency (HF) radio exercise is presently slated for 23-25 October 2024. I am pleased to cordially extend an invitation to our international allies to participate in EX NS 24.

As a friendly inter-organizational competition, EX NS 24 ensures that our tertiary means of intercontinental communication remains viable. The exercise will adhere to a contest-based format with points awarded for achieving various criteria. Participating Canadian units will set up in their local area and link into the exercise through their HF communication equipment. To remain cost effective, we are encouraging participants to incorporate EX NS 24 into concurrent unit-level training.

Your involvement can range from nominating a single national team to entering multiple Regular and Reserve force units. Our Canadian Forces Affiliated Radio System (CFARS) will also participate. CFARS is a government-sponsored programme by which licensed Canadian amateur radio stations and operators contribute as an adjunct to existing military radio facilities. Therefore, if your country has an equivalent organization, we welcome their participation. Exercise registration can be completed on the official EX NOBLE SKYWAVE web application at www.nobleskywave.ca which is expected to be online in September 2024. Documentation will also be published here as it is made available to teams.

Your participation in this exercise will offer a unique opportunity to train using intercontinental HF communications and I sincerely hope you are able to enter a team. If you are interested and require additional information, please contact the officer-in-charge of this event: Lieutenant Ty Durham, at ty.durham@forces.gc.ca and 613-541-5010 x5725.

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