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### **WORLD'S BEST AIRPORT – GOOD FOR TOURISM**

**HALIFAX, NS (February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010)** The recent announcement that the Halifax Stanfield International Airport (HSIA) has been ranked the world's best airport for overall passenger satisfaction in its class (under five million passengers) for the seventh straight year and the second-best airport in North America is great news for tourism.

“This international recognition tells the world that we have a first class facility and we are open to doing business. The role of HSIA is crucial to ensuring we have viable air access into the province. This recognition is significant as we build tourism and trade into Nova Scotia,” says Danny Morton, Chair of TIANs.

“HSIA receiving this recognition for the seventh straight year is incredible. We are being rated against airports all over the world. Nova Scotians should be extremely proud of this international facility,” says Morton.

Darlene Grant Fiander, President of TIANs says “The airport plays a crucial role as an economic generator for the Province. Successful tourism destinations have solid infrastructure and good access into their regions.”

“As well as being a first class facility the management and staff at HSIA have focused on ensuring quality service standards are in place. Their Volunteer Host program is one of a kind, and HSIA is the only airport in the Country that requires taxi drivers to complete national certification. This commitment to quality and service is making a difference,” says Grant Fiander

TIANs mandate is to lead, support, represent and enhance Nova Scotia's tourism industry. TIANs is the provincial advocate for the Nova Scotia tourism industry and strives to enhance the industry's competitiveness and prosperity through increased professionalism and product development. In accomplishing this goal, TIANs works closely with many partners, regional and sector associations and all levels of government.

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