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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER TO NMIOTC COURSE 10000**
“MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATION IN SUPPORT OF
COUNTERING ILLICIT TRAFFICKING AT SEA”, 29 Jun - 03 Jul 20

DATE: 17 Dec 2019

REFERENCE: NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2020

1. NMIOTC under the auspices and guidance of the Allied Command Transformation (ACT) will organize a course focused on issues and challenges in conducting Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) to prevent and deter trafficking. The course program is scheduled to contribute in the effort of enhancing capabilities and cooperation in maritime interdiction consistent. NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO members and partners to participate in this course, which will take place in Marathi - Souda Bay, Chania - Greece, from 29 June to 03 July 2020.

2. To that aim, a continuous and growing requirement has been identified for MIO forces and law enforcement personnel to be well-trained so as to enhance personnel and units' readiness prior to deployment in maritime operations. NMIOTC provides theoretical and practical training, responding to a wide spectrum of maritime operation issues, while the execution of joint practical exercises help to evaluate the effectiveness of procedures and any improvements required thereof. After the completion of the course students will be able to:

- a) Engage effectively in Maritime Interdiction Operations in support of countering illicit trafficking at sea.
- b) Define human trafficking /smuggling.
- c) Evaluate the case of a crime scene, through photographic documentation and evidence collection.
- d) Introduce and use the SEEK II device and apply correct procedures for collection of flat and rolled fingerprints.
- e) Analyse suspect and boarding vessel's crew behaviour.

3. The target audience is composed of officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-3 and OR-6 to OR-9, Command and Boarding Team members, personnel from other related governmental Agencies such as Intelligence and Law enforcement agencies who are also eligible to participate.

4. The course will be conducted in English. Translation into other languages will not be provided. The following proficiency standards in English are

required to be met: Listening–Fair (2), Speaking–fair (2), Reading–Fair (2) and Writing–Fair (2), iaw STANAG 6001.

5. This is a NATO ACT listed course marked as “NATO Unclassified/Releasable to PfP (except Russia)/MD/ICI/PatG”.

6. A draft agenda is hereby attached as Enclosure 1. The final agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions in due time.

7. The course starts on **Monday, 29 June and ends on Friday, 03 July 2020**, training hours are from 08:30 to 15:00. Due to the fact that the Course will be run with the cooperation of external contributors, the execution of the Course is subject to the achievement of a minimum number of participants.

8. The tuition fee for the course is **550,00€**. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 2.

9. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Friday 29 May 2020**. Candidates from non-NATO countries not participating in the Partnership for Peace (PfP), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD), Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI), or Partners across the Globe (PatG) frameworks, should sent their applications **no later than (NLT) Friday 28 Feb 2020**, so that the necessary NATO procedures can be initiated for achieving final approval. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int.

10. Event details can be found online in the Education and Training opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at <https://e-itep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx> or through the NMIOTC official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int.

11. Points of Contact (POCs):

NMIOTC

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ENCLOSURES:

1. Draft Schedule of Events
2. Administrative Instructions

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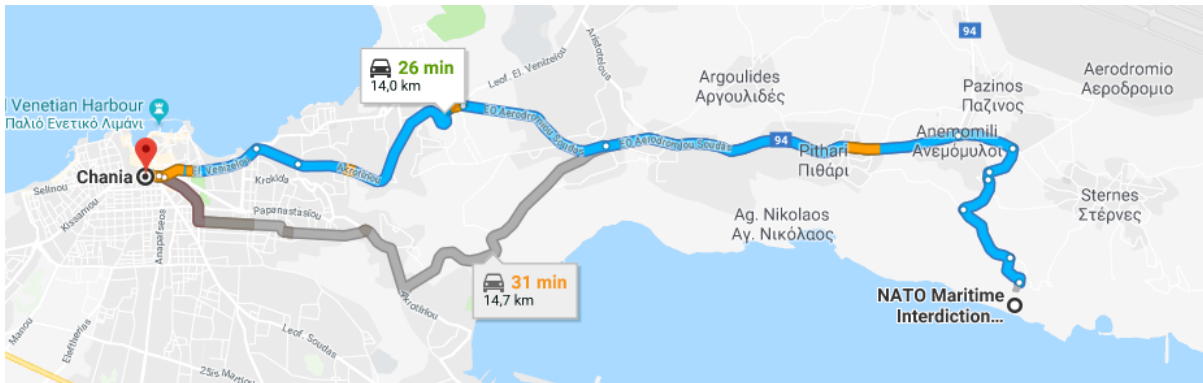
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DRAFT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATION IN SUPPORT OF COUNTERING ILLICIT TRAFFICKING AT SEA)

| E&T Director: Cdr Ioannis Rogdakis GRC (N) | | Course Director: Lt Cdr Ioannis Argyriou GRC (CG) | | Admin Officer: Lt Konstantinos Papanastasis GRC (N) | | | | | |
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| Monday 29 June 20 (Day 1) | | Tuesday 30 June 20 (Day 2) | | Wednesday 01 July 20 (Day 3) | | Thursday 02 July 20 (Day 4) | | Friday 03 July 20 (Day 5) | |
| 0830 0900 | NMIOTC Welcome / Safety brief | 0830 0920 | Human trafficking | 0830 1000 | Evidence collection (theory) | 0830 1000 | Crew control/ Rhib insertion (theory) | 0830 0930 | Legal overview |
| 0900 0920 | Course administration and Introduction Group Photo | 0930 1020 | Human trafficking | 1000 1230 | Evidence collection (practice) | 1000 1200 | RHIB insertion (practice) | 0930 1020 | Legal overview |
| 0930 1020 | Introduction to MIO | 1030 1120 | Human trafficking (Case studies) | 1230 1300 | Snack Break | 1200 1230 | Snack Break | 1030 1115 | Legal overview |
| 1030 1120 | MIO lessons learnt | 1130 1220 | C-IED trafficking | 1300 1500 | Biometrics with SEEK II devices | 1230 1500 | Crew control (practice) | 1130 1230 | Gender aspects |
| 1130 1220 | Intel support to MIO | 1220 1250 | Snack Break | | | | | 1220 1330 | Gender aspects |
| 1220 1250 | Snack Break | 1250 1350 | Illicit trafficking related Organised Crimes | | | | | 1340 1400 | Debrief/Graduation Ceremony |
| 1300 1350 | Boarding team Psychology | 1400 1500 | Illicit trafficking related Organised Crimes | | | | | | |
| 1400 1500 | Suspect Vessel's Crew Psychology | | | | | | | | |

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Location:** NMIOTC is located in the Akrotiri peninsula, near the city of Chania, in the north-western part of Crete. The destination airport is Chania International airport “Ioannis Daskalogiannis” (airport code: CHQ). Distance from the city of Chania to NMIOTC is 20 km and from the airport to NMIOTC is 9 Km. Chania is a picturesque, unique medieval city bearing a rich and long history and culture. The following map provides orientation and driving directions from the city of Chania to NMIOTC.



2. **Registration:** You are kindly requested to submit your Personnel Administration Form through NMIOTC official web site (www.nmiotc.nato.int) within the given deadlines.

NOTE: Applications submitted after the deadline may not be accepted. All applicants will receive a confirmation message within three days of their submission.

3. **Visa Requirement:** Participants or their national authorities are responsible for visa arrangements. Participants are advised to contact well in advance, proper diplomatic agencies for up to date information. It is an individual’s responsibility to apply and obtain their visa and to have the proper travel/medical documentation. Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (www.mfa.gr) provides relevant visa information requirements.

4. **Tuition Fee:** The tuition fee for the course is **550,00€**. NMIOTC will provide daily transportation from Chania city centre to NMIOTC and vice versa during the duration of the course. Full payment will be made either to NMIOTC’s Financial Officer during the first day, in cash (or by credit card) or by bank deposit to NMIOTC bank account with the following data:

IBAN Number: GR 38 0110 4940 0000 4945 4001 048

Swift BIC: ETHN GRAA

Bank Name: National Bank of Greece

Note: Bank deposit has to be completed **no later than 3 working days** after the start date of the course. The relevant document with proper justification has to be e-mailed to NMIOTC Budget & Finance officer at kladosa@nmotc.nato.int. NMIOTC will cover only the

expense that National Bank of Greece may charge for the transactions and not the potential charges of other banks that may finally intervene.

5. **Dress Code:** Participants are strongly recommended to wear Battle Dress Uniforms for the whole theoretical and practical training, as well as for the Graduation Ceremony.

6. **Meals:** During the course a daily snack break is scheduled around noon. A canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building that will provide snacks for a nominal cost.

7. **Accommodation:** Participants are responsible to arrange their own accommodation as there is none on the Centre's premises. NMIOTC can provide guidance / assistance, if requested. Hotels near the Chania city centre are highly recommended for transportation purposes. The following is a list of recommended Hotels around Chania city centre (special prices apply to participants only for direct booking with each hotel manager by e-mail using the code "**NMIOTC Guest**", including breakfast and internet connection):

AKALI 4* hotel www.akali-hotel.gr. E-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr
Tel: +30 28210 92872

KYDON 4* hotel www.kydon-hotel.com
E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: +30 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahhotel.gr
E-mail: reservations@samariahhotel.gr Tel.: +30 2821038600

ARKADI 3* hotel www.arkadi-hotel.gr
E-mail: info@arkadi-hotel.gr Tel: +30 28210 90181

AVRA CITY 3* hotel www.avracityhotel.gr E-mail:
kperraki@avracityhotel.gr Tel.: +30 28210 27970

HALEPA 3* hotel (www.halepa.com),
E-mail: hotel@halepa.com, Tel. +302821028440

PORTO VENEZIANO 3* hotel www.portoveneziano.gr.
E-mail: hotel@portoveneziano.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 27100

ROYAL SUN 3* hotel www.royalsunhotel.com. The price also includes free transportation to the city centre. E-mail: hotelroyalsun@gmail.com
Tel: +30 28210 46363.

MARE NOSTRUM VILLAS (www.villasincrete.gr).

The distance from Marathi main gate (closest pickup point) is 1KM

8. **Transportation:** Transportation will be provided during the days of the course from Chania city centre pick-up points (1st pickup point AKALI at 07:45, 2nd pickup point SAMARIA at 07:50, 3rd pickup point KYDON at 07:55 and 4th pickup point Royal Sun hotel at 08:05, Marathi main gate at 08:25, see the following map). Participants are responsible

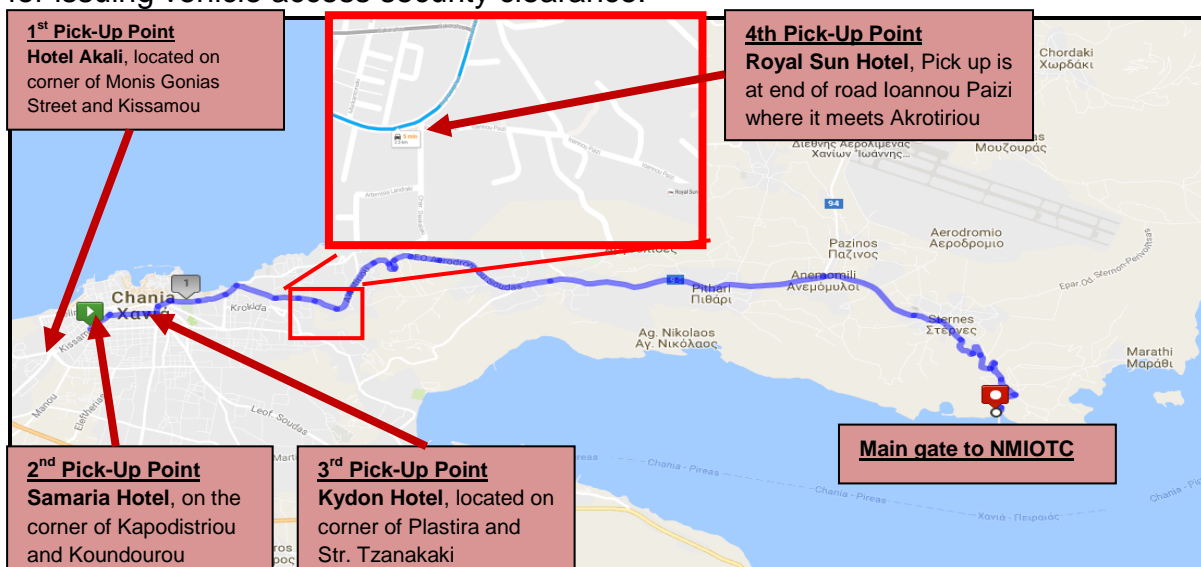
for their transportation from the airport to their hotel and vice versa. The available transportation options from Chania airport to Chania city centre are as follows:

- a. By Bus: The bus stop is outside the terminal and the cost is 2,30€. For further information and detailed timetables check <http://www.bus-servicecretektel.com/timetabledet.php?line=32&lg=2>.
- b. By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24 hours/day and the cost is 25,00 € (approx).
- c. There are several car rental agencies at the airport. Rental car agencies that have offered special prices for NMIOTC guests are as follows:

Gelasakis car Rental: E-mail cars@stc.gr, www.rentacarchania.gr, tel. +30 28210 89065

Spa Tours & Cars Enterprises: E-mail info@spatours.gr, www.spatours.gr, tel. +30 28210 57444

Participants, who intend to rent a car, should arrange their booking directly with the Car Rental Agency using the code “NMIOTC guest”. Additionally, NMIOTC Admin Office should be informed as soon as possible about the type and the plate number of the rental vehicle for issuing vehicle access security clearance.



9. Medical service: First aid and emergency medical support is offered by NMIOTC paramedic and local Naval Hospital. However, for all other situations, medical expenses must be paid by the individuals or their insurance agencies. All participants are strongly advised to have appropriate medical insurance.

10. Security: NMIOTC applies security issues according to NATO standards. There is a strict access control procedure for entrance into the Marathi main gate and NMIOTC main building. You will be required to provide your passport or your national identification card during in-processing and whenever you enter these areas.

