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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 10000 “MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF COUNTERING ILLICIT TRAFFICKING AT SEA” (ETOC MOP-MO-32012), 11 - 15 March 2024**

DATE: 23 Oct 2023

REFERENCE: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2024  
B. NMIOTC DIR 60-1 CHANGE 12 - Cost of NMIOTC Training (Tuition Fees)

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 national and regional capabilities and cooperation in maritime interdiction. NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO members and partners to participate in this training, which will take place at NMIOTC premises, in Marathi-Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, **from 11 to 15 March 2024**.

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 and Ares Javellin+ biometric collection devices 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 is conducted in English. Translation to / from other languages is not provided. The following proficiency standards in English are required to attend: Listening–Functional (2), Speaking–Functional (2), Reading–Functional (2) and Writing–Functional (2) (STANAG 6001).

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

6. The curriculum of Course 10000 will include the following theoretical and practical modules:

a. **Course 10000**

(1) Module 10010: Human Trafficking/Smuggling – Case Studies on Human Trafficking/Smuggling.

(2) Module 10020: WMD proliferation.

(3) Module 10030: MIO lesson learned.

(4) Module 10040: Intel support to MIO.

(5) Module 10050: Psychological aspects during trafficking operations.

(6) Module 10060: Introduction to MIO.

(7) Module 10070: Legal Overview.

(8) Module 10080: Crime Scene investigation/Evidence collection.

(9) Module 10090: RHIB Insertion.

(10) Module 10100: Gender Awareness.

(11) Module 10110: Crew Control/Suspect Crew Handling.

(12) Module 10120: Tactical Sweep.

(13) Module 10130: Biometrics Collection with SEEK II / Ares Javellin Devices.

**NOTE:** A detailed agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions, which will be released two weeks before the course start date.

7. In order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate, the participants must attend at least 75% of the module classes of the course. (Assessment of trainee performance will be accomplished during the practical training. The trainees will demonstrate skills during practical drills and scenarios and will be assessed by NMIOTC Sea Trainers).

8. The course will be delivered by NMIOTC SMEs in their respective areas with the support of Subject Matter Experts (SME) from United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service (US NCIS) and Hellenic Police.

9. The tuition fee for Course is **570,00€** per person and includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and inside NMIOTC premises. The course is not subsidized by PD funds.

10. The course will start on **Monday, 11 March and will end on Friday, 15 March 2024**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 15:00, including time for a lunch/snack break. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

11. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register no later than (NLT) **Friday 02 February 2024**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities (NNEs) not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register NLT **Monday 14 November 2023**, so that adequate time is provided for NATO approval procedures. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site: [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int).

12. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int), in the Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at <https://e-itep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx>.

13. NMIOTC Point of Contacts (POCs):

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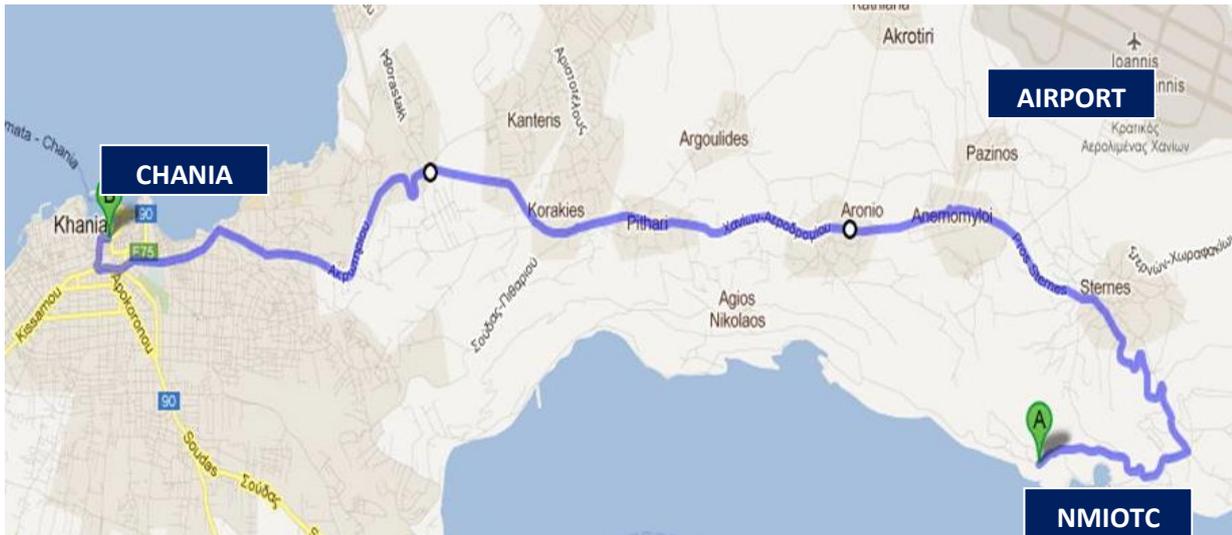
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Commandant NMIOTC

ENCLOSURES:

1. Administrative Instructions

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **Location:** NMIOTC is located on 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) (airport code: CHQ). Distance from the city of Chania to NMIOTC is 20 km and from the airport to NMIOTC is 9 km. The following map provides orientation and general driving directions from the city of Chania to NMIOTC.



2. **Registration:** Participants are requested to sign up to NMIOTC registration portal found in NMIOTC website <https://nmiotc.nato.int> or using directly the link <https://nmiotc.classter.com/Actions/Registration>. A signup confirmation message will be received to the email provided during the sign up process, along with the respective credentials. Login to <https://nmiotc.classter.com> and submit your application to the respective course/event by using the “Application Management” function at the top left corner of the portal main page. You will receive a relevant message after the process of your application and your application will be “ACCEPTED”. You can update your personal and participation information (accommodation, travel days, etc) until your registration status become “REGISTERED”, approximately 10 days before the event. Registration status can be verified within the portal. If you encounter any problem during registration process, please contact [studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int](mailto:studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int) or NMIOTC POCs.

3. **Visa Requirement:** The participants or their national authorities are responsible for visa arrangements. The participants are advised to contact the proper diplomatic authorities for up to date information, well in advance. It is the individual’s responsibility to obtain his/her visa and to have the proper travel and medical documentation. Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs website ([www.mfa.gr](http://www.mfa.gr)) provides relevant visa information requirements. NMIOTC will provide a Visa Support Letter, if requested.

4. **Tuition/Participation Fee and Methods of Payment:**

<b>A.BEFORE THE MEETING/EVENT</b>	INFORMATION	REMARKS
1. By Bank Deposit	NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE, NMIOTC BANK ACCOUNT 494/540010-48  SWIFT BIC: ETHN GRAA  IBAN: GR3801104940000049454001048	Bank deposits should be completed not later than <b><u>2 working days before the start date of the event</u></b> , bank charges are not covered by NMIOTC. The receipt should be sent by email to <a href="mailto:kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int">kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and cc <a href="mailto:papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int">papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int</a>
2. By Debit/Credit Card	Upon notification from the participant, the direct link for credit/debit card payment will be sent to the designated-by the participant-email address.	The participant should send an email to <a href="mailto:kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int">kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and cc <a href="mailto:papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int">papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int</a> for receiving the link for the credit/debit card payment
<b>B. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MEETING/EVENT</b>	INFORMATION	REMARKS
3. By Debit/Credit card	A valid credit/debit card should be presented on the first day of the event.	The fee is always paid in euros [the credit/debit card may provide the option to pay in another currency (other than euro) and therefore the ‘euro’ currency option must be chosen].
4. By Cash	-	The fee is always paid in euros.

5. **Cancellation Policy:** A late cancellation of a confirmed seat significantly impacts NMIOTC’s ability to maximize training opportunities for the Alliance and results in a financial loss for NMIOTC. Upon receipt of written confirmation NMIOTC calendar, our cancellation fees apply as follows:

- a. 30 to 15 days prior to course start date: 10% of student tuition due.
- b. 14 to 8 days prior to course start date: 25% of student tuition due.
- c. 1 week prior to course start date: 50% of student tuition due.

6. **Dress Code:** The participants are strongly recommended to wear Daily Service/ Battle Dress Uniforms or National Equivalent for the whole training as well as for the Graduation Ceremony.

7. **Meals:** A small canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building and provides snacks for a nominal cost. The participants who would like to have lunch

while at NMIOTC must make their own arrangements, as NMIOTC does not provide this service.

8. **Accommodation:** The participants are responsible to arrange their own accommodation as there is no accommodation facilities on the Centre's premises. NMIOTC can provide guidance / assistance, if requested. Hotels near Chania city centre are highly recommended for transportation purposes. The list of recommended hotels in Chania offering special prices (for participants who book directly with each hotel by e-mail using the code "NMIOTC") and including breakfast and internet connection, is as follows:

THE CHANIA 5\* hotel [www.thechaniahotel.com](http://www.thechaniahotel.com)  
E-mail: [reservations@thechaniahotel.com](mailto:reservations@thechaniahotel.com) Tel: (+30) 28210 90002

AKALI 4\* hotel [www.akali-hotel.gr](http://www.akali-hotel.gr). (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform)  
E-mail: [info@akali-hotel.gr](mailto:info@akali-hotel.gr) Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.

KYDON 4\* hotel [www.kydon-hotel.com](http://www.kydon-hotel.com) (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform) E-mail: [info@kydon-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kydon-hotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4\* hotel [www.samariahotel.gr](http://www.samariahotel.gr) (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform")  
E-mail: [reservations@samariahotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

ARKADI 3\* hotel [www.arkadi-hotel.gr](http://www.arkadi-hotel.gr)  
E-mail: [info@arkadi-hotel.gr](mailto:info@arkadi-hotel.gr) Tel: (+30) 28210 90181.

KRITI 3\* hotel, [www.kriti-hotel.gr](http://www.kriti-hotel.gr) , E-mail: [info@kriti-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kriti-hotel.gr), Tel. +302821051881

PORTO VENEZIANO 3\* hotel [www.portoveneziano.gr](http://www.portoveneziano.gr).  
E-mail: [hotel@portoveneziano.gr](mailto:hotel@portoveneziano.gr) Tel: +30 28210 27100.

9. **Arrival and Departure:** Participants should book a fly to Chania International airport (airport code: CHQ) and are responsible for their own transportation from / to the Airport during arrival / departure. Transportation from Chania Airport to the city center is available as follows:

- a. By bus: The bus stop is located outside the terminal and the ticket cost is 2,50 €. For further information and detailed timetables, visit the following link: [www.e-ktel.com/en/services/dromologia](http://www.e-ktel.com/en/services/dromologia)
- b. By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24/7, approx. 25,00€

c. Additionally, there are several rental car agencies at the airport. Rental car agencies that have offered special prices for NMIOTC guests are as follows:

1. Gelasakis Car Rental: E-mail: [cars@stc.gr](mailto:cars@stc.gr), [www.rentacar-chania.gr](http://www.rentacar-chania.gr), tel. +30 28210 89065.
2. Spa Tours & Cars Enterprises: E-mail [info@spatours.gr](mailto:info@spatours.gr), [www.spatours.gr](http://www.spatours.gr), tel. +30 28210 57444.

10. **Transportation:** Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from Chania city center pick-up points (Akali, Samaria (Arkadi, The chania is asked to use the Samaria stop as well), Kydon, Kriti (Porto Veneziano is asked to use the Kriti stop as well) to NMIOTC and vice-versa, during the course.

11. **Medical service:** The trainees are required to have a valid health insurance according to their respective national standards. The trainees from the EU Member States are required to possess a valid European Health Insurance Card. NMIOTC ensures first aid during training, providing emergency transportation to the Naval Hospital of Crete if needed. The Naval Hospital of Crete can provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment, while the Prefectural Hospital of Chania can provide further diagnosis or specialist treatment if required. NMIOTC do not cover trainees' expenses for additional medical treatments and the settlement of medical bills is a patient/national responsibility.

12. **Security:** NMIOTC adheres to NATO security 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 during in-processing and whenever you enter the premises. The overall security classification of presentations/discussions is up to "NATO Unclassified"