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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 1000 "COMMAND TEAM MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL ISSUES" (MOP-MO-31201/ACT 685.19), 11 – 15 Sep 2023**

DATE: 08 March 2023

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2023;
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 Command Team in Maritime Interdiction Operational issues. 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 partner nations to participate in this event, which will take place at Centre`s premises, in Marathi-Souda Bay, Chania, GREECE, from 11th to 15th Sep 2023.

2. The aim of the course is to provide a comprehensive training package that comprises of theoretical aspects of Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO), followed by practical application in the NMIOTC simulator. The desired outcome is for the participants to execute MIO as a Command Team member following NATO standards.

3. The target audience is Officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-3 (Staff Planners, Command Team members) and Petty Officers OR-4 to OR-9 (CPO/ PO, Boarding Team Leaders). Military or civilian personnel from other agencies and organizations tasked to participate in support of MIO is also eligible to participate.

4. The course will be conducted in English. Translation to/from other languages will not be provided. The following proficiency standards in English are required to attend: Listening- Professional (3), Speaking- Functional (2), Reading- Professional (3), Writing- Functional (2) (STANAG 6001).

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5. The course is marked as “NATO Unclassified / Releasable to: PFP (except Russia), MD, ICI, PatG”. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.

6. The curriculum of course 1000 includes the following modules:

a. Module 1010 – MIO Planning
b. Module 1020 – MIO Related Messages
c. Module 1030 – Intelligence Support to MIO
d. Module 1040 – Legal Issues – Rules of Engagement
e. Module 1050 – MIO Phases
f. Module 1060 – Units’ Organization
g. Module 1070 – Air Assets Support to MIO
h. Module 1080 – Negotiation Techniques in MIO
i. Module 1090 – MIO Simulator Training/SIMEX
j. Module 1100 – Evidence Collection and NATO Biometrics in MIO

NOTE: A detailed agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions letter which will be released in due time.

7. In order graduate and acquire the relevant certificate the participants must to attend at least 85% of the module classes of the course, with obligatory participation in MIO Simulator Training which includes the assessment.

8. The course will be delivered by NMIOTC Subject Matter Experts (SME) on their respective areas with the support of SME on Negotiation Techniques from Hellenic Navy.

9. The tuition fee of for the course is **400 €** per person and includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and inside NMIOTC training areas. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

10. The course will start on **Monday, 11 September and will end on Friday, 15 September 2023**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

11. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register (**NLT) Friday, 11 August 2023**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register **NLT Friday 12 June 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 and according to the given instructions in Enclosure 1, paragraph 2.

NOTE: Partner nations (Partnership for Peace (PfP), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD), Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI), or Partners across the Globe (PatG) frameworks),

eligible for NATO PD subsidization programme, should follow the procedures described in Enclosure 1, paragraph 2.

12. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int, in the Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at https://e-itep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx and in the Partnership Real-time Information, Management and Exchange system (e-PRIME) at https://prime.hq.nato.int.

13. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

a. **Course Director**: Lt Cdr Oskar Draus POL(N)
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ENCLOSURE:
1. Administrative Instructions

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ENCLOSURE 1 TO:
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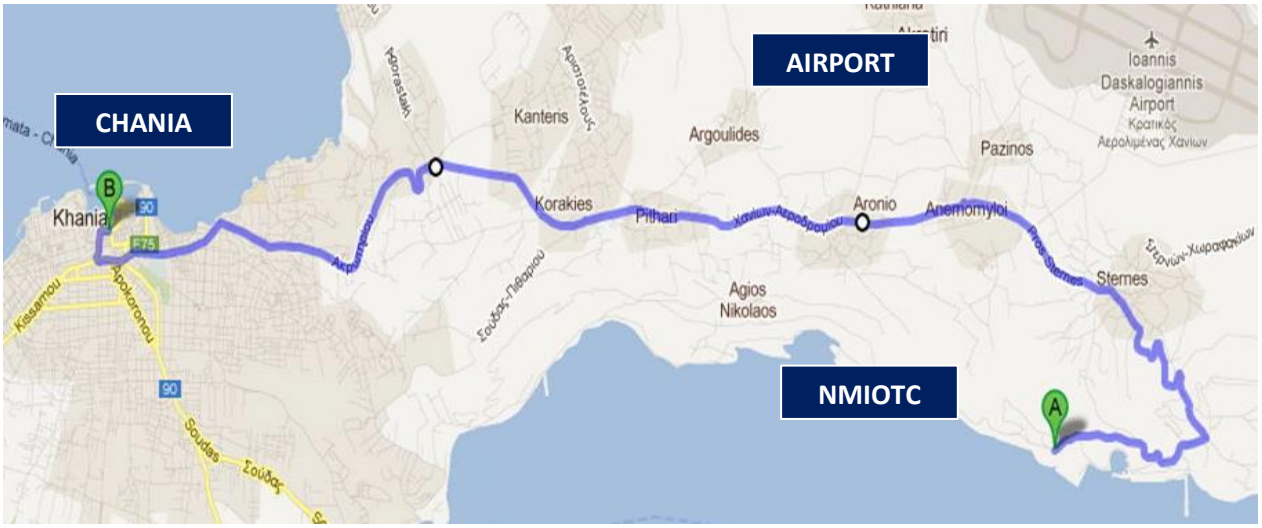
DATED:08 Mar 2023

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:**

a. 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://identity.classter.com/ids/login?signin=367b231253e0e4df09eed2c4f8f32d99 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 or NMIOTC PoCs.

b. Applicants eligible for subsidization through NATO PD subsidization program should submit in addition the Financial Assistance Request form (FARF) to the following addresses:

PD SAP Manager: CIV Paola Pasini
Phone: +32 (0) 65/44.3649, NCN: * 1-254-3649,
E-mail: paola.PASINI@shape.nato.int

PD SAP Budget Manager: CIV Saskia De Meyer
Phone: +32 (0) 65/44.39.70, NCN: * 1-254-3970,
E-mail: Saskia.DEMEYER@shape.nato.int

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If PD subsidization is approved for the candidate, he/she will find further administrative details in the Joining Instructions, which will be sent to each trainee before the start of the course.

3. **Visa Requirement:** Participants or their national authorities are responsible for visa arrangements. Participants are advised to contact the proper diplomatic agencies 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) provides relevant visa information requirements. NMIOTC will provide a Visa Support Letter, if requested.

4. **Methods of payment:**

A.BEFORE THE MEETING/EVENT	**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 **2 working days before the start date of the event**, bank charges are not covered by NMIOTC. The receipt should be sent by email to kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int and cc papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int.
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 kleinakisd@nmiotc.nato.int and cc papaderosd@nmiotc.nato.int for receiving the link for the credit/debit card payment.
B. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MEETING/EVENT	**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. **Dress Code:** Trainees should wear Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) or National equivalent throughout the course, as well as during the Graduation Ceremony.

6. **Meals**: A small canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building that will provide snacks for a nominal cost. Participants who would like to have lunch while at NMIOTC must make their own arrangements as NMIOTC does not provide this service.

7. **Accommodation:** 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 center are highly recommended for transportation purposes. The list of recommended hotels in Chania offering special prices to participants, is as follows:

AKALI 4* hotel www.akali-hotel.gr Promo code: "NMIOTC23" via hotel's online booking platform. E-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.

KYDON 4* hotel www.kydon-hotel.com Promo code: "NMIOTC23" via hotel's online booking platform. E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahotel.gr Promo code: "NMIOTC23" via hotel's online booking platform. E-mail: reservations@samariahotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

ARKADI 3* hotel www.arkadi-hotel.gr Promo code: "NMIOTC Guest" via mailing to hotel's e-mail address. E-mail: info@arkadi-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 90181.

KRITI 3* hotel, www.kriti-hotel.gr Promo code: "NMIOTC Guest" via mailing to hotel's e-mail address. E-mail: info@kriti-hotel.gr, Tel. +302821051881

PORTO VENEZIANO 3* hotel www.portoveneziano.gr. Promo code: "NMIOTC Guest" via mailing to hotel's e-mail address. E-mail: hotel@portoveneziano.gr Tel: +30 28210 27100.

NOTE: Accommodation for PD subsidized trainees will be arranged by NMIOTC. Further details will be provided in the Joining Instructions.

8. **Arrival and Departure:** Participants should plan to 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:

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 web-page: www.e-ktel.com/en/services/dromologia

By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24/7, approx. 25,00€.

Additionally, there are several rental car agencies at the airport. Rental car agencies that offer special prices to NMIOTC guests are as follows:

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

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

9. **Transportation:** Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from the following Chania city centre pick-up points to NMIOTC: AKALI hotel, SAMARIA hotel (ARKADI hotel is asked to use SAMARIA pick-up point), KYDON hotel and KRITI hotel (PORTO VENEZZIANO hotel is asked to use KRITI pick-up point).

10. **Medical service:** Trainees are required to have a valid health insurance according to their respective national standards. 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.

11. **COVID 19 awareness**: Please take under consideration that due to the current COVID-19 situation and the undertaken preventive and protective measures, the conduct of the course is considered, feasible. Furthermore NMIOTC is ready to welcome participants to NMIOTC's events according to the new travel rules as described in details in the governmental site https://travel.gov.gr/#/ (protocol for arrivals in Greece).

Note: It is advised the participants to take into account any further travel restrictions and rules from intermediate countries that they will travel through.

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.