



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 7000 “MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF COUNTER PIRACY” (ETOC MOP-MO-41210), 24 - 28 February 2020**

DATE: 11 October 2019

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2020
B. NMIOTC DIR 60-1 CHANGE 10 - Cost of NMIOTC Training (Tuition Fees) 29 Sep 2018

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2020, as well as the accreditation by ACT of the 7000 course as “NATO Listed”, NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO and partners to participate in this training, which will take place at NMIOTC premises, in Marathi-Souda Bay, Chania, GREECE, from 24 to 28 February 2020.

2. The aim of the course is to provide a comprehensive training package that includes theoretical and practical aspects in the field of counter piracy operations. The desired outcome is for the participants to develop an understanding of all the relevant issues concerning piracy and receive practical training on counter piracy tactics and techniques.

3. Target audience is: Officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-3 (Staff Planners, Command Team members) and Petty Officers (CPO, PO) / Enlisted personnel (Boarding Team Leaders / Members), as well as equivalent civilian personnel. Military Agencies, Law Enforcement Agencies (Coast Guard, Port Police etc.) and other Governmental / International agencies and organizations are 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 - Good (3), Speaking - Fair (2), Reading - Good (3), Writing - Fair (2) (STANAG 6001).

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 7000 will include the following modules:

a. Theoretical:

- (1) Module 7010: Piracy Overview.
- (2) Module 7020: Ongoing Counter-Piracy Operations.
- (3) Module 7030: ROE Implementation & Legal Issues.
- (4) Module 7040: Piracy Characteristics and Modes of Operation.
- (5) Module 7050: Case Studies on Piracy Incidents.
- (6) Module 7060: Lessons Learned from Counter-Piracy Operations.
- (7) Module 7070: Anti-Piracy Measures in Merchant Shipping.
- (8) Module 7075: MIO Related Messages.
- (9) Module 7080: Simulated Counter-Piracy Scenarios.
- (10) Module 7090: NATO Biometrics in MIO.

b. Practical:

- (1) Module 7100: Small Skiff Investigation.
- (2) Module 7200: Pirate Mother Ship VBSS / Hijacked Merchant Vessel Boarding.
- (3) Module 7300: Protection of a Merchant Ship from Pirate Attacks at Sea.

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

7. In order to graduate and acquire the relevant certificate, the participants must attend at least 85% of the module classes of the course.

8. The course will start on **Monday, 24 Feb and will end on Friday, 28 Feb 2020**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 15:00. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

9. The cost for the course is **500€** per person. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Monday 20 January 2020**. Candidates from Non-NATO Countries not participating in PFP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register **NLT Monday 25 November 2019**, so that adequate time is provided for NATO approval procedures. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web-site: www.nmiotc.nato.int.

11. The course is not subsidized by MPD funds.

12. Further details can be found on NMIOTC's official web-site: www.nmiotc.nato.int.

13. NMIOTC Points of Contact:

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ENCLOSURES:

1. Administrative Instructions

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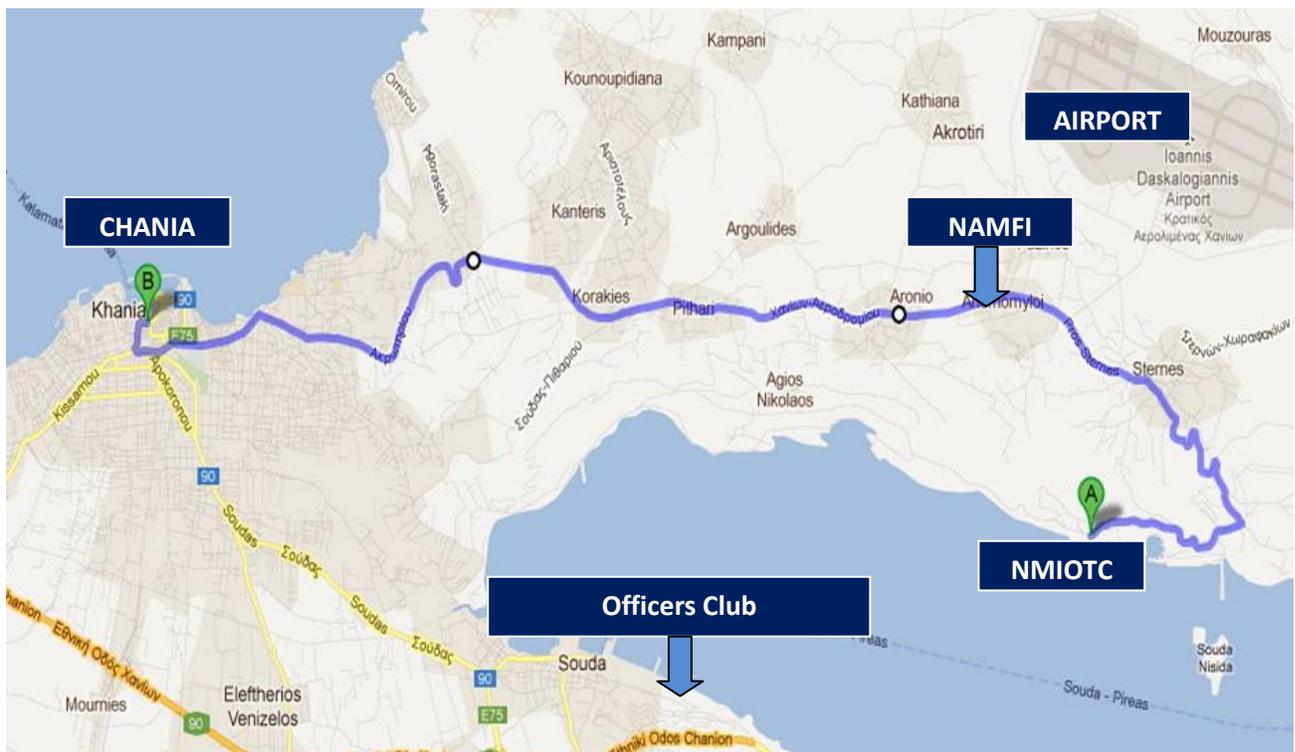
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

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:**

a. You are kindly requested to submit your Personnel Administration Form (PAF) through NMIOTC official web-site www.nmiotc.nato.int within the given deadlines. Applications submitted after the specified deadlines may not be accepted. All applicants will receive an instant confirmation message. However the final confirmation will be provided after the process and acceptance of the application. It is advised not to proceed to travel arrangements before the final confirmation.

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. NMIOTC will provide a Visa Support Letter, if requested.

4. **Tuition Fee:** The cost for the Course 7000 is 500 € per person and includes the use of 25 simmunition rounds. The RHIBs, whaler and skiff will be used during the training at no cost for the trainees. The fee includes daily transportation from Chania city centre to NMIOTC and vice versa during the Course days. Full payment for tuition will be made either to NMIOTC's Financial Officer in the first day of the Course in cash, by credit card or by bank deposit to NMIOTC bank account with the following data:

- a. IBAN Number: GR 38 0110 4940 0000 4945 4001 048
- b. Swift BIC: ETHN GRAA
- c. Bank Name: National Bank of Greece

Note: Bank deposit must be completed **no later than 3 working days** before the start date of the course. The relevant document with proper justification must be e-mailed to NMIOTC Budget & Finance officer at kladosa@nmiotc.nato.int. NMIOTC will cover only the expense that the National Bank of Greece may charge for transactions and not potential charges of other banks.

5. **Dress Code:** 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. Practical modules will require participants to be attired suitably for working on-board vessels and small boats. Participants are reminded to dress according to the weather conditions at the time of course delivery.

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 are 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 following list of recommended hotels in Chania offer special prices (for participants who book directly with each hotel by e-mail using the code "**NMIOTC Guest**") and included breakfast and internet connection:

- a. AKALI 4* hotel www.akali-hotel.gr.
E-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.
- b. KYDON 4* hotel www.kydon-hotel.com

E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

c. SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahotel.gr
E-mail: reservations@samariahotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

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

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

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

g. ROYAL SUN 3* hotel www.royalsunhotel.com .
E-mail: hotelroyalsun@gmail.com Tel: (+30) 28210 46363.

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. Public 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 following link: https://e-ktel.com/images/pdfs/AIRPORT_FROM_08-07-2019.pdf

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 have offered special prices for NMIOTC guests are as follows:

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

b. 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 Chania city centre pick-up points (Akali, Samaria, Kydon and Royal Sun at Acrotiriou st.) to NMIOTC during the Course.

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 when needed. The Naval Hospital of Crete will provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment

and when necessary, the military doctors may arrange with the Prefectural Hospital of Chania for further diagnosis or specialist treatment if required. NMIOTC is not covering trainees' expenses for additional medical treatments and the settlement of medical bills is a patient/national responsibility.

11. **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.