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SUBJECT: **10<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE – JOINING INSTRUCTIONS**

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**1. Introduction.** With the document in reference the **10<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Annual Conference** was announced, which will take place at the Centre's premises in Souda Bay – Crete from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2019.

**2. Theme.** The Conference theme is “**Countering Hybrid Threats: An Emerging Maritime Security Challenge**”, and with this in mind, the agenda is being developed to take into account relevant requirements, priorities and concerns.

**3. Aim of the event.** The Annual NMIOTC Conference is a high-visibility open and non classified event, which has reached its 10<sup>th</sup> iteration since 2010, having gained major international recognition and success throughout the years. The event, by its own nature, is an open forum for discussion (The conference will be held under the **Chatham House Rule**), dedicated to explore contemporary international maritime security issues, by gathering major stake holders from the military, the commercial and the academic fields, thus providing opportunities for discussion and enhancing cooperation between NATO and non-NATO actors. The aim of the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Annual Conference is to discuss issues and share perceptions of the international community how to improve maritime security and forward proposals and solutions for countering the maritime security challenges, such as the evolving hybrid threats at sea.

**4. Schedule.** The conference Daily Schedule is as per Enclosure 2, and will be available at the website of the centre [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int) .

**5. Administrative Details.** Administrative requirements, arrangements and information are provided at Enclosure 1.

**6. Remarks.** Additional details and information will be updated regularly on the NMIOTC web page [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int).

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8. Thanking you in advance for your support and contribution to the 10<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Annual Conference, we look forward to an interesting and fruitful event, and to welcoming you to the picturesque and historical city of Chania.



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Commandant NMIOTC

ENCLOSURES:

1. Administrative Details
2. Daily Schedule
3. Social Events
4. Chania city center Pick-up Points

### **Annual Conference Administrative Details**

**1. Participants.** Registration is open to all interested participants. Speakers from military organizations, academic and industrial world will present their views on topics related to the theme, while the audience will be comprised of military and civilian personnel involved or interested in maritime security. We expect to have our auditorium full of Officers and relevant civilian attendees coming from NATO, NATO partners and non-NATO countries as well. The ideally diverse audience represent Armed Forces, Law Enforcement experts, representatives from ministries, magistrates, and officials from other relevant organizations. Please feel free to forward this letter to persons that you deem relevant and interested to attend.

**2. Schedule.** The Conference will be conducted over three days, from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. It is advised to use Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> (or earlier) and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (or later) as travel days. The projected schedule of the Conference will be updated regularly on the NMIOTC web page [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int). A dedicated Spouses Program will be organized depending on the level of participation (at least 5 participants) and the registration will be open until noon on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of June will be made available as an additional optional day for side talks, further discussion and development of the subjects discussed during the Conference. Attendees who consider to exploit this opportunity should notify NMIOTC personnel in advance.

**3. Transportation.** Participants are responsible for their own transportation from/to the Airport during arrival and departure day. Participants should plan to fly to Chania International Airport (airport code: CHQ). NMIOTC will provide transportation only from/to specific pick-up points. Transportation from these points in Chania city center to NMIOTC's premises and vice-versa, (see detailed map as per Enclosure 4), will be provided by NMIOTC on a daily basis, during the conference. Pick-up Points are as follows:

- (1) AKALI hotel 1<sup>st</sup> pick-up point, at 07:30.
- (2) 1866 Square 2<sup>nd</sup> pick-up point at 07:40 (bus will stop across SAMARIA hotel).
- (3) KYDON hotel 3<sup>rd</sup> pick-up point, at 07:50.
- (4) Royal Sun hotel: 4<sup>th</sup> pick-up point, at 08:00 (bus will stop at Akrotiriou Street). Although the hotel is located within walking distance from NMIOTC bus route (see the map below), transportation from the hotel to the pick up point and vice versa will be provided by notifying the hotel.

a. Transportation means from Chania Airport to Chania city centre are available as follows:

(1) Bus: The bus stop is outside the terminal and the ticket costs 2,30€, For further information and detailed timetables check <http://www.bus-service-crete-ktel.com/timetabledet.php?line=32&lg=2>.

(2) Taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24 hours/day, 25, 00€ (approx).

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

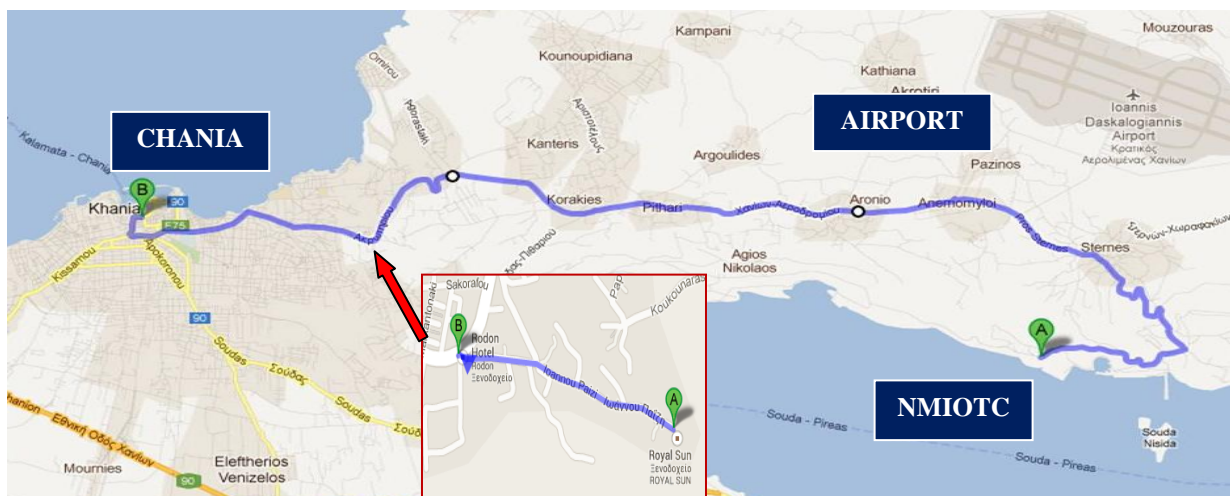
(1) Gelasakis Car Rental: E-mail:[cars@stc.gr](mailto:cars@stc.gr) URL: [www.rentacar-chania.gr](http://www.rentacar-chania.gr) tel.: +30 28210 89065

(2) Spa Tours & Cars Enterprises: E-mail: [info@spatours.gr](mailto:info@spatours.gr) URL: [www.spatours.gr](http://www.spatours.gr) tel.: +30 28210 57444

Participants, who intend to rent a car, should make a booking with the preferred car rental agency by e-mail, using the Code “NMIOTC guest”. They should also inform NMIOTC Admin Office about the type and the plate number of the rental vehicle as soon as possible, in order to issue security clearance to enter the main gate of Marathi.

c. Participants with the availability of rental cars/mini bus are advised to be at NMIOTC premises at 08:15, each conference day.

d. For your own orientation the following area map is provided.



4. **Attire.** The attire for the Conference will be summer service uniform for military personnel and smart casual (jacket & tie) for civilians.
5. **Registration.** Participants are requested to submit a registration application, no later than the **31<sup>st</sup> of May 2019**, by submitting the respective Annual Conference Joining Request Form as per reference. A confirmation message will be sent.
6. **Classification: None.**
7. **Conference fee.** The Conference fee is 175 €, to cover conference and administrative expenses. NMIOTC will provide mess service, three (3) buffet lunches, transportation and two social events (icebreaker, official dinner). An additional fee of 60 € for spouses will be required, should they want to participate in the Social events / Spouses Program. The respective fee should be paid in cash on the first day of the event or by a deposit in the following account “**Bank Info: NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE, Account Name:NMIOTC, Bank account:494/540010-48, IBAN: GR38 0110 4940 0000 4945 4001 048, BIC: ETHN GRAA**” and an official receipt will be provided.
8. **Social program.** NMIOTC will organise an Icebreaker on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and an official dinner in the evening of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June a cultural tour will be organized in favor of those attendees who intend to prolong their stay in Crete. Details of this event will be determined in due time (cost, schedule etc.) based on the level of participation.
9. **Visa Requirements.** Participants or their supervising authorities are responsible for visa arrangements for their personnel. It is advised that participants contact their national embassies/consulates in Greece or the Greek Embassies in their respective capitals for relevant information.
10. **Lodging and Transportation.** Although attendees are responsible for the arrangement of their own accommodation and transportation from / to Airport, NMIOTC can provide guidance if requested. A list of recommended hotels can be found in reference. Transportation to / from the NMIOTC premises and specified pick-up points in the city of Chania will be provided during the conference days.
11. **Security Instructions:** The conference has no classification. However, NMIOTC applies security regulations according to NATO standards.
12. **Badging process:** A welcome package that includes security badge and all the necessary information will be delivered to the participants upon their arrival to NMIOTC during the in processing. There is a strict access control to enter Marathi main gate and NMIOTC main building. You will be required to carry your passport or

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your national identification card during check in and throughout your presence in NMIOTC.

**13. 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.

**10th NMIOTC Annual Conference (04- 06 June 2019)**  
**Daily Schedule**

1. The conference detailed Agenda is under development.
2. Overall Agenda: The Conference will run daily from 08:30 to 15:30.
  - a. Tue, 04 June 19: Opening session  
Conference Day 1  
Icebreaker (19:30 – 21:30)
  - b. Wed, 05 June 19: Conference Day 2  
Official Dinner (19:30 – 21:30)
  - c. Thu, 06 June 19: Conference day 3  
Closing session
  - d. Fri, 07 June 19: Side Talks (optional)  
Cultural Tour (optional)

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NMIOTC CONFERENCE SOCIAL EVENTS**

EVENT	DATE	TIME	TRANSPORTATION	DRESS CODE
<b>Icebreaker on Residence – Museum “Eleftherios Venizelos”</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> of June	19:30 – 21:30	Akali : 18:40 Samaria:18:50 Kydon : 19:00 Royal Sun:18:30 to Kydon O’ Club: 19:10	Smart Casual
<b>Dinner at “Asteria” officers’ Club</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> of June	19:30 – 21:30	Akali : 18:40 1866 sq:18:50 Kydon : 19:00 Royal Sun:19:15 O’ Club: 19:15	Smart Casual
<b>Excursion to KNOSSOS and HERAKLION</b> It requires a <u>minimum participation of 25 persons</u> . The cost is anticipated to be 40 Euros and includes transportation, tour guide and entrance to Knossos archaeological site.	7 <sup>th</sup> of June	09:00 – 19:00	Bus will depart from Agora (Old market)	Casual

**Spouses Program (The cost is 60 Euros)**

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<b>Excursion to RETHYMNON</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> of June	09:00 – 15:00	Agora: 08:50 Royal Sun: 08:30	Casual
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## PICK-UP POINTS IN CHANIA

**NOTIFICATION:** All participants who will use NMIOTC transportation are strongly advised to be at the specified pick-up points 5 min before the departure time. There will be no other transportation provided by NMIOTC.

