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**SUBJECT: INVITATION LETTER – “WOMEN, PEACE AND MARITIME SECURITY SEMINAR”**

**DATE: 03 Feb 2020**

1. Introduction: Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325, NMIOTC has the pleasure to announce the organization of the “Women, Peace and maritime Security Seminar (WPS)”, which will take place in Souda Bay Crete, Greece, from 05<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

2. Aim: The aim of this event is to encourage collaboration in the utilization of the gender perspective in the maritime domain and operations. We envisage promoting gender mainstreaming in the maritime domain in a holistic, comprehensive and effective way. The seminar is targeted at scientific, industrial, naval staff, maritime and academic researchers, practitioners, members of maritime associations, shipping companies, governmental departments/bodies, international organizations and agencies, the public and private sector in general, within or connected to the maritime domain.

3. The main objectives of the Seminar are:

- a. Key areas and impact of incorporating a gender perspective in Maritime Operations and Maritime Security Policies.
- b. Explore joint initiatives and intersectionality with other international organisations on WPS (e.g. NATO-EU co-operation).
- c. Advancing women's presence in the Maritime domain.
- d. Gender perspective in Maritime Rule of Law and Coastal Welfare.
- e. The gendered dimension of irregular movements of people at sea.
- f. Best Practices of using gender analysis in Maritime Operations, NATO Lessons Learned and Policy Implementation regarding gender mainstreaming in the maritime domain.

4. Schedule

The seminar will be held over three days, from Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th of May 2020. Monday 4th and Friday 8th of May should be considered as travel days. The provisional schedule of the seminar, along with more detailed information will be issued in due course. Information will also be regularly updated on the NMIOTC web page at [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int).

5. Participants

Registration is open to all interested participants. Speakers from military organizations, academia and industry will be asked to present their views on the topic. We welcome participation from the Community of Interest of officials/military and civilian attendees coming from NATO countries, NATO partner countries and NNS's. The ideally diverse audience is expected to include representatives from Armed Forces, Law Enforcement, Civil Service (Foreign Affairs, Interior, Defence, etc) along with other relevant organizations involved or interested in Maritime Security and Gender. In this regard you are kindly requested to forward this invitation to persons that might be interested to attend / participate.

6. Classification

The Seminar will have no classification marking and all contents will be releasable to public. The conference will be held under the **Chatham House Rule**.

7. Points of Contact:

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8. Thank you in advance for your support to this Women, Peace and Maritime Security Seminar. We look forward to an interesting and productive event and to welcoming you to the picturesque and historical city of Chania.

  
Stelios Kostalas  
Commodore GRC (N)  
Commandant NMIOTC

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1. Women, Peace and Maritime Security Seminar Administrative Details

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1. **Participants.** Registration is open to all interested participants.
2. **Schedule.** The Conference will be conducted over three days, from Tuesday 05<sup>th</sup> of May to Thursday 7<sup>st</sup> of May 2020.
3. **Attire.** The attire for the Conference will be summer service uniform for military personnel and business attire (jacket & tie) for civilians.
4. **Registration.** Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site dedicated registration area, <http://nmiotc.nato.int/join-us/individual-application-form/>, no later than (NLT) **Monday 20 Apr 20**.
5. **Classification:** None.
6. **Conference fee.** The Conference fee is **130 €** for each attendee to cover conference and administrative expenses. The respective fee should be paid in cash, or by credit card on the first day of the event or by a deposit in the following account (An official receipt will be provided):

**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"**

NMIOTC will provide mess services, three (3) buffet lunches, transportation and a social event (icebreaker).

7. **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 Military Attachés at the Greek Embassies in their respective capitals for relevant information.
8. **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. Hotels near the Chania city centre are highly recommended for transportation purposes. A list of recommended Hotels around Chania city centre is as follows (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):

- a. AKALI 4\* hotel [www.akali-hotel.gr](http://www.akali-hotel.gr), E-mail: [info@akali-hotel.gr](mailto:info@akali-hotel.gr),  
Tel: +30 28210 92872.

- b. KYDON 4\* hotel [www.kydon-hotel.com](http://www.kydon-hotel.com), E-mail: [info@kydon-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kydon-hotel.gr),  
Tel: +30 28210 52280.
- c. SAMARIA 4\* hotel [www.samariahhotel.gr](http://www.samariahhotel.gr),  
E-mail: [reservations@samariahhotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahhotel.gr), Tel: +30 2821038600
- d. 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
- e. HALEPA 3\* hotel ([www.halepa.com](http://www.halepa.com)), E-mail: [hotel@halepa.com](mailto:hotel@halepa.com),  
Tel. +302821028440.
- f. PORTO VENEZIANO 3\* hotel [www.portoveneziano.gr](http://www.portoveneziano.gr),  
E-mail: [hotel@portoveneziano.gr](mailto:hotel@portoveneziano.gr), Tel: +30 28210 27100.
- g. . ROYAL SUN 3\* hotel [www.royalsunhotel.com](http://www.royalsunhotel.com),  
E-mail: [hotelroyalsun@gmail.com](mailto:hotelroyalsun@gmail.com), Tel: +30 28210 46363.

Transportation will be provided during conference days between Chania city pick-up points (Agora Building, 1866 Square, Royal Sun, and NAMFI) to NMIOTC and vice versa. Participants are responsible for their own transportation from the airport to the hotel and vice versa. Rental car agencies that have offered special prices for NMIOTC guests, as follows:

- h. 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.
- i. Spa Tours & Cars Enterprises: E-mail [info@spatours.gr](mailto:info@spatours.gr), [www.spatours.gr](http://www.spatours.gr),  
Tel.: +30-28210-57444.

**9. Security Instructions:** The seminar has no classification marking. However, NMIOTC applies security issues according to NATO standards to the designated areas.

**10. Badging process:** A welcome package that includes security badge and all the necessary information will be delivered to the participants upon their arrival at NMIOTC. There is a strict access control to enter Marathi main gate and NMIOTC main building. You will be required to carry your national identification card during check in and your presence in NMIOTC.

**11. 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.