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NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
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5000 NSC-53/Ser.: NU 178

TO: See Distribution List

SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR ACT 688.10 COURSE 12000 "C-IED IN MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONS", 12-16 Apr 2021**

DATE: 19 Nov 2020

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2021
B. HQ SACT 7000/TSC TTX 0400/TT-160215/Ser.: NU0156, Dated 16 Feb 16 (Course 12000 Accreditation)

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2021 and Course 12000 certification by ACT as "NATO Approved," NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO nations, partner nations and Non-NATO entities to participate in this event, which will take place at the Centre's premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 12 to 16 Apr 2021. NATO has identified a need for Boarding Teams (BT) and Operating Forces to be trained so as to enhance personnel and units' readiness prior to deployment in Maritime Interdiction (MI) within the Countering Improvised Explosive Devices in the Maritime Environment (CME) Programme of Work. Therefore, NMIOTC has scheduled the Course 12000 from 12 to 16 Apr 2021.

2. The aim of the course is to educate and train BT personnel in NATO TTPs to undertake targeted maritime search and exploitation tasks on board vessels and other maritime infrastructure in support of C-IED operations. Upon completion of the course, trainees will be able to:

a. Develop IED threat awareness and adapt search principles that support the Attacking the Network (AtN), C-IED main line of effort,

b. Identify pre-boarding requirements (key considerations for conducting vessel search, tactical considerations, required resources and on-board actions),

c. Integrate knowledge, skills and techniques in support of CME (on-board site exploitation, perform evidence / biometrics / forensics collection, vessel and people search) through mentored exercises, a Table Top Exercise (TTX) and a Final Tactical C-IED Exercise (FTX).

3. The target audience is BT members and other naval personnel functioning as Force Protection Coordination Officers (FPCOs) responsible for their ship / task group, or involved in MI. Additionally, the course is open to Command Team(CT) members (CO, XO, OPS, COMMS etc.) or equivalent civilian personnel who are involved in MIO, potentially related with C-IED in the Maritime Environment. Personnel from Law Enforcement Agencies (Coast Guard, Maritime Police, Civil Guard, etc.), educational and training facilities and equivalent civilian personnel who are involved in Maritime Interdiction Operations, potentially related with C-IEDs, 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 course will include the following modules:

a. Overview of the global and Maritime IED threat
b. Fundamentals of the NATO C-IED approach and general CME application
c. Attack the Networks Operations
d. Make-up of an IED and the Threat to Boarding Teams
e. Biometrics in MIO (Collection Device Demonstration)
f. IED Precursor Materials
g. Vessel Search Operations
h. Person Search
i. Threat Assessment (Vessel Search – Theory Threats and Safety Considerations)
j. Case Study
k. Tactical Site Exploitation (TSE) Considerations (Collection, Handling, Recording, Questioning and Photography)
l. TSE Handling of Evidence - Practical Considerations in CME
m. Planning & Executing Maritime Search Ops - Key Considerations
n. Maritime Search - Practical Exercise
o. 2 Mentored Exercises (Search and Exploit a Vessel / small boat)
p. Table Top Exercise (Planning Task and Syndicate Brief-Back)
q. Final Tactical C-IED Exercise

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

7. The trainees must attend at least 85% of the modules of the course**,** in order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate. 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 Instructors.

8. The tuition fee of the course is **750 €** per person. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

9. The course will start on **Monday, 12 Apr and will end on Friday, 16 Apr 21.** The training schedule will run from 08:30 to 15:00. Due to the fact that the course will be run with the cooperation of private sector, the execution of the course is subject to the achievement of a minimum number of participation. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Friday 26 Mar 2021**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register **NLT Friday 11 Dec 2020**, so that adequate time is provided for NATO approval procedures. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int.

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

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

11. 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.

12. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

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Commandant NMIOTC

ENCLOSURE:
1. Administrative Instructions.
2. Financial Assistance/ Reimbursement Request form (FARF, FRRF).

DISTRIBUTION

EXTERNAL:

ACTION:

SHAPE PD SAP

SHAPE NMR GRC	(PLEASE PASS TO NATO NMRS)
SACT NLR GRC	(PLEASE PASS TO NATO NLRS)
SACT PSE	(PLEASE PASS TO PFP (EXCEPT RUSSIA),MD,ICI,PATG NMRS)
HNDGS/E4	(PLEASE PASS TO NATO AND PARTNER DEFENCE/NAVAL ATTACHES IN ATHENS)
HQ NATO HEL MILREP	(PLEASE PASS TO NATO AND PARTNERS' MILREPS)

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HQ SACT DCOS JFD
HQ SACT ACOS JFD
SACT JFD E/T BRANCH HEAD
SACT JFD ETE
SHAPE PD XO
SACT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS BRANCH(HFAP)
SACT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
HQ SACT MPD PPT
HQ SACT MPD SENF FINANCE OFFICER
SHAPE COS
SHAPE / J3
JFC NAPLES / J9
HQ JFC BS /J9
MARCOM DCOS OPS
MARCOM N7 T2
CSW COE
HNDGS/B2 (GRC MOD HNDGS COMM CEN PLEASE PASS TO HNDGS/B2)
HNDGS/D4
HNGS/B2
HELLENIC COASTGUARD HQ/TRAINING DIRECTORATE
HELLENIC POLICE HQs/TRAINING DIVISION

INTERNAL:

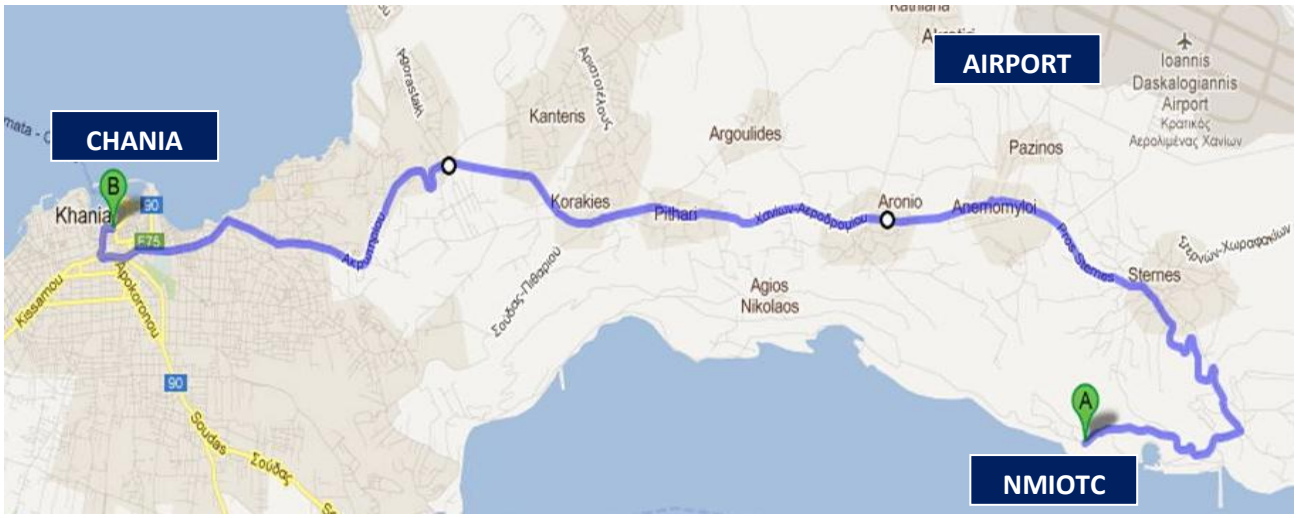
ACTION:
DIR E&T
SAA

INFORMATION:
DCOM
COS
DOSO
DIR TS
DIR S (FOR B&F OFFICER)

ENCLOSURE 1 TO:
5000 NSC-53/SER:NU 178
DATED: 19 Nov 2020

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. You are kindly requested to submit your Application Form through NMIOTC official web site http://nmiotc.nato.int/join-us/trainee-joining-form/ 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.

b. Applicants eligible for subsidization through NATO MPD subsidization program should submit the Financial Assistance Request form (FARF) or the Financial Reimbursement Request Form (FRRF), (see Enclosure 2), 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
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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 apply for and obtain their 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. Tuition Fee: The fee includes daily transportation from Chania city centre to NMIOTC and vice versa during the course days. Full payment for tuition must be made to NMIOTC's Financial Officer on the first day of the course in cash or by credit card or by bank deposit to the NMIOTC bank account:

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

Note: Bank deposit must be completed **no later than 3 working days** before the start date of the event. 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: Trainees are strongly recommended to wear Daily Service/ Battle Dress Uniforms or National Equivalent for the whole training as well as for 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 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 including breakfast and internet connection:

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

KYDON 4* hotel www.kydon-hotel.com (promotional code "NMIOTC 21")
E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC 21")
E-mail: reservations@samariahotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.
ARKADI 3* hotel www.arkadi-hotel.gr

E-mail: info@arkadi-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 90181.

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

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

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

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 centre 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: 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 have offered special prices for 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 Chania city centre pick-up points (AKALI, SAMARIA, KYDON, KRITI 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 if needed. The Naval Hospital of Crete will provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment and transfer to 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. 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 Hellenic

Republic Ministry of Foreign Affairs web page: https://www.mfa.gr/en/index.html (welcome to Greece announcements) and https://travel.gov.gr/#/ (protocol for arrivals in Greece) as well as the latest instructions uploaded to the NMIOTC site https://nmiotc.nato.int/general-information-on-coronavirus-covid-19/ which are to be followed at its latest update.

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.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM

(To be attached by the PfP/MD/PatG partner Nation to the official participation request)

ACTIVITY IDENTIFICATION[i]

Activity (Event):	Reference number:
Date:	Location:

PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION Partner Nation:	Rank/Service:
Family name:	First Name:
ID/Number:	Tel/Number:
Email:	Official address:

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE

Travel:	Tuition fee:
Accommodation:	Other:
Meals:	**TOTAL:**

BANK IDENTIFICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT[ii] (in capital letters)

Beneficiary[iii]	
Currency requested	
Name of Bank	
Name of Agency	
SWIFT code[iv]	
IBAN code	
Account number[v]	

PARTNER NATION AUTHORISATION

Date:	Name:	Signature & Stamps:

FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM

(To be attached by the PfP/MD/PatG partner Nation to the official request for reimbursement)

ACTIVITY IDENTIFICATION[vi]

Activity (Event):	Reference number:
Date:	Location:

PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION Partner Nation:	Rank/Service:
Family name:	First Name:
ID/Number:	Tel/Number:
Email:	Official address:

BANK IDENTIFICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Beneficiary	
Bank Name	
Account Number (IBAN)	
SWIFT Code	
Currency for Payment	

EXPENDITURE

Travel:	Tuition fee:
Accommodation:	Other:
Meals:	**TOTAL:**

NATION AUTHORISATION

Date:	Name:	Signature & Stamps:

[i] As it is in e-PRIME
[ii] **Unless each cell is completed, we are not able to remit the reimbursement**
[iii] Official name of the bank account holder
[iv] If IBAN code **is provided**, this cell can be empty
[v] If IBAN code **is NOT provided**, indicate the bank account number in this cell
[vi] As it is in e-PRIME