



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR PILOT COURSE 15000 “MIGRANT HANDLING TEAM ISSUES IN MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO MANAGE THE MIGRANT AND REFUGEE CRISIS AT SEA”, 14 - 18 JUNE 2021**

DATE: 17 December 2020

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2021

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2021, NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO, Partners and Non-NATO Entities to participate in the following training course, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 14 to 18 June 2021.

2. The aim of the course is to deliver the appropriate knowledge and practical skills to members of the Security and Recovery teams of a naval unit in order to prepare them to fulfil their tasks related to Migration Related Incidents at Sea. The desired outcome is to prepare the participants to execute specific tasks related to dealing with migrants at sea

3. The target audience is Officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-3 and Petty Officers (CPO, PO) / Enlisted personnel with **Naval Unit’s experience**. Military or civilian personnel from other agencies and organizations tasked to participate in support of Maritime Interdiction Operations and Migration Related Operations 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 (2), Speaking- Fair (2), Reading- Good (2), Writing- Fair (1) (STANAG 6001).

5. The course is marked as “**NATO Unclassified** / Releasable to: PFP (except Russia), MD, ICI, PatG”. Non-NATO Entities are eligible for participation upon NAC approval. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site

www.nmiotc.nato.int. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.

6. The curriculum of Course 15000 will include the following modules:
 - a. Module 15010 – Migration overview
 - b. Module 15020 – Legal Aspects in Migration Related Operations
 - c. Module 15030 – Operational phases and Unit's organizations
 - d. Module 15040 – Case Studies and Lessons Learned during Migration Related Operations
 - d. Module 15050 – Security Procedures
 - e. Module 15060 – Recovery of persons at sea
 - f. Module 15070 – Post Recovery Procedures
 - g. Module 15080 – Crowd Control
 - f. Module 15090 – Final Tactical Exercise (FTX)

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

8. The pilot course is **offered free of charge**.

9. The course will start on **Monday, 14 Jun 2021 and will end on Friday, 18 Jun 2021**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to return their application forms to NMIOTC **no later than (NLT) Friday 07th May 2021**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities must submit their applications **NLT Friday 12th February 2021**, so that adequate time is provided for NATO approval procedures. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int.

12. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):
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1. Administrative Instructions

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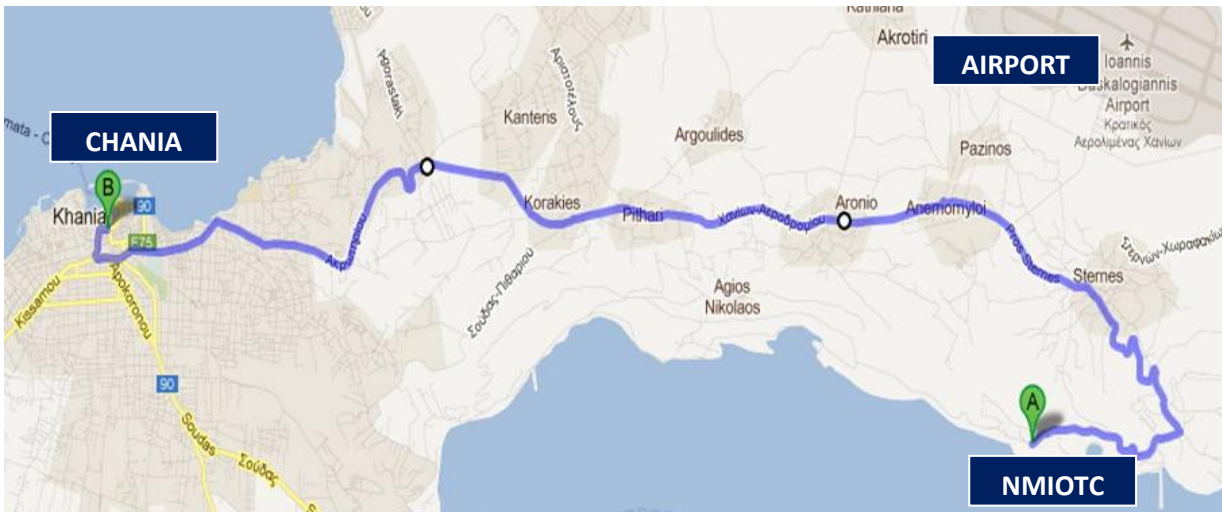
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

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:** 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 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 pilot course is **offered free of charge**.

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.

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 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 19")
E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahhotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC 19")
E-mail: reservations@samariahhotel.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

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 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://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 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 can provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment. The military doctors may arrange further diagnosis or specialist treatment with the Prefectural Hospital of Chania if required. NMIOTC is not covering trainees' expenses for 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.