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SUBJECT: **12th NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021 – CALLING LETTER**

DATE: 02 February 2021

REFERENCE: a. 12th NMIOTC Annual Conference 2021 – Save the Date
b. Gender Perspectives in Maritime Security: Women in Peace, Crises and War – Save the Date

1. **Introduction:** NMIOTC has the pleasure to announce its 12th Annual Conference, which will take place in its premises, Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, from Tuesday 1st to Wednesday 2nd of June 2021.

2. **Theme:** “Opportunities and threats from Innovative and Disruptive technologies: Shaping the future of Security in the Maritime Domain”

3. **Aim:** The upcoming 12th NMIOTC Annual Conference 2021 anticipates to facilitate opportunities to discuss Innovative and Disruptive technologies, to share perceptions from the international community on how these technologies can provide solutions while also threatening maritime security, and to explore the impact, development and application of Innovative and Disruptive technologies in the Maritime Domain.

4. The conference will be focused on, but not limited to, the following four main pillars:

- a. International political and strategic approach to innovative and disruptive technologies.
- b. Opportunities and threats of innovative and disruptive technologies – Operational challenges in the maritime domain.
- c. New technology capabilities and solutions in maritime security (Artificial intelligence, Unmanned Autonomous Vehicles, Intelligent Machines, Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems, Robotics, etc).
- d. Shaping legal and administrative framework for the implementation of new technologies.

5. **Call for papers:** Papers are invited on the topics of the conference. Interested speakers should submit an abstract of their paper by the 15th of April 2021. A short Curriculum Vitae and a brief overview of the organization, institution or company that they represent is also required. Subsequent to the conference, selected papers may be considered for publication in the NMIOTC’s Journal. Authors will be given the opportunity to update their papers before publication in the Journal. Abstract should be no longer than 250 words and clearly indicate the provisional title, the authors and a synthesis of the

content of the paper. Provisional acceptance of papers will be made on the basis of the abstract and final acceptance will be given after consideration of the draft papers.

6. **Specific details:** First Announcement and Call for Papers: 05 February 2021
Abstract to be submitted by 15 April 2021
Authors advised of acceptance by 22 April 2021
Final Papers to be submitted by 21 May 2021
Conference 01 - 02 June 2021
7. **Schedule:** The conference will be conducted over two days, from Tuesday 1st to Wednesday 2nd of June 2021. Please note that these dates have been chosen to allow the participants who wish, to also attend the “**Women Peace and Maritime Security Seminar**”, which will be held from Thursday the 3rd to Friday 4th of June 2021 as per reference (b). It is advised to use Monday 31st of May (or earlier) and Thursday 3rd of June 2021 (or later) as travel days. The projected schedule of the conference will be updated regularly on the NMIOTC web page www.nmiotc.nato.int. A provisional overview of the conference is as per Enclosure 1, while a final detailed Agenda will be issued in due course. A dedicated Spouses Program will be planned according to the level of participation (at least 5 participants).
8. **Integration Day:** Thursday 3rd 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 will consider it useful are welcome to participate, notifying NMIOTC staff accordingly.
9. **Participants:** Registration is open to all interested participants. Speakers from military organizations, Law Enforcement Agencies, academia, Judiciary and Ministerial Authorities, private sector and defence industry can present their views on the topic, while the audience will be comprised of military and civilian personnel involved or interested in maritime security. We anticipate for participation from NATO, Partner Nations, International Organization, Non-Governmental Organization, non - NATO Entities, Academic sector and the broader community of interest, as well. The ideally diverse audience should represent Armed Forces, law enforcement experts, representatives from Ministries of Defence, Interior and Foreign Affairs, specialized magistrates and officials from the relevant organizations. Please feel free to disseminate this invitation to persons that you deem relevant and interested to attend.
10. **Classification:** The conference has no classification marking and all contents will be releasable to public. The conference will be held under the **Chatham House Rule**.
11. **Attire:** The attire for the Conference will be summer service uniform for the military personnel and business casual (jacket & tie) for the civilians.
12. **Registration:** Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site dedicated registration area, <http://nmioct.nato.int/join-us/individual-application-form/>, no later than **Friday 21st May 21**. A confirmation message will be sent within 3 working days.
13. **Lodging and Transportation:** Although attendees are responsible for the arrangement of their own accommodation and transportation from/to Airport, NMIOTC can provide assistance if requested. A list of recommended hotels can be found in Enclosure 2. Transportation to/from the NMIOTC premises and specified pick-up points in the city of

Chania will be provided during the conference days. Detailed joining instructions will be issued in due course.

14. **Conference fee:** The Conference fee is **125€** for each attendee to cover conference and administrative expenses and will include coffee breaks, refreshments, two (2) buffet lunches, transportation and participation to the official dinner. An additional fee of **60€** for spouses will be required, should they want to participate in the Official Dinner/Spouses Program. The respective fee should be paid in cash and 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”**

15. **Social program:** NMIOTC will host an official dinner on Tuesday 1st of June The Spouses program will include local excursion, shopping and sightseeing tours in the picturesque town of Chania and it will take place on Wednesday 2nd of June. For internal organizational issues, those who intend to be accompanied by their spouse please mention it in the remarks field of Individual Application Form.

16. **Visa Requirements:** Participants or their supervising authorities are responsible for visa arrangements for their personnel. It is advised that participants should contact their national embassies/consulates in Greece or the Greek Military Attachés at the Greek Embassies in their respective capitals for relevant information.

17. **Remarks:** More detailed and updated information will be always available at the website of the centre: www.nmiotc.nato.int .

18. **Points of Contact:** For further information or clarifications please contact:

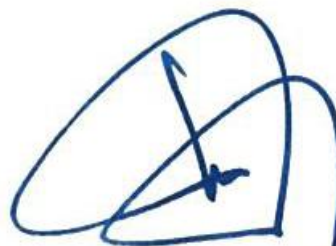
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19. Thanking you in advance for your support to the 12th NMIOTC Annual Conference, I look forward to an interesting and productive event, and to welcoming you to the picturesque and historical city of Chania.



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ENCLOSURES :

1. NMIOTC Annual Conference Overall Agenda
2. List of Recommended Hotels

12th NMIOTC Annual Conference (1-2 June 2021)
Provisional Overall Agenda

1. The conference detailed Agenda is under development.

2. **Overall Agenda**

- a. Mon, 31 May 21: Travel Day
- b. Tue, 01 June 21: Opening Session
Annual Conference Day 1
Social Event
- c. Wed, 02 June 21: Annual Conference Day 2
- d. Thu, 03 June 21: Travel Day

OR

- d. Thu, 03 June 21
& Fri, 04 June 21: "Women Peace and Maritime Security
Seminar"
- e. Sat, 05 June 21: Travel Day

LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS IN CHANIA

Accommodation: There are no accommodation facilities at NMIOTC. Therefore, participants are responsible to arrange their own accommodation. NMIOTC can provide guidance / assistance, 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,
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.samariahhotel.gr,
E-mail: reservations@samariahhotel.gr, Tel: +30 2821038600.
- d. ARKADI 3* hotel www.arkadi-hotel.gr,
E-mail: info@arkadi-hotel.gr, Tel: +30 28210 90181.
- e. HALEPA 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.

NOTIFICATION:

Special prices have been negotiated for NMIOTC's guests and apply to participants only for direct booking by e-mail to the hotel reservation manager notifying that you are “**NMIOTC Guest**”. NMIOTC can provide guidance / assistance, if requested.