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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 14000  
“MARITIME IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DISPOSAL (M-IEDD)”  
18 - 22 October 2021**

DATE: 21 Apr 2021

REFERENCES: NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2021

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2021 and Course 14000 certification by ACT as “NATO Listed,” 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 18 to 22 Oct 2021.

2. The aim of the course is to educate and train EOD personnel to competently undertake M-IEDD operations onboard vessels and other maritime infrastructure. On completion of the course, trainees will be able to:

- a. Develop the IED threat awareness and apply the basic principles of IEDD to task resolution;
- b. Familiarize the trainees with the subject knowledge including specialist skills and render, safe techniques in support of M-IEDD;
- c. Identify the related subjects of search and site exploitation (e.g. evidence preservation and collection, considerations during M-IEDD tasks);
- d. Plan / conduct M-IEDD operations, including: task appreciation, appraisal of tactical considerations in respect of the operating environment, M-IEDD team make-up, required resources, access and requisite on-board actions;

3. The target audience for this course is naval and other law enforcement agencies (Coast Guard, Maritime Police, etc.) EOD personnel, functioning as Team Commanders and Members Personnel from military educational and training facilities are also eligible to participate.

**Prerequisite: This course is addressed only to EOD qualified personnel.**

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. This 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 curriculum of Course 14000 includes the following modules:

- a. Module 14010 M-IEDD Concept and Threat Overview
- b. Module 14020 M-IEDD Principle and Philosophy
- c. Module 14030 Assault Introduction
- d. Module 14040 M-IEDD Planning Considerations
- e. Module 14050 Hostage Management
- f. Module 14060 M-IEDD Equipment and Configuration
- g. Module 14070 M-IEDD Disruption
- h. Module 14080 Equipment Issue and Validation
- i. Module 14090 M-IEDD Disruption (Live Fire Demo)
- j. Module 14100 Syndicate Practice - Rapid Disruptor Placement
- k. Module 14110 Basic Manual Techniques
- l. Module 14120 Suicide Devices (Video & DEMO)
- m. Module 14130 M-IEDD Practical Exercise
- n. Module 14140 Tactical Sweep (Theory)
- o. Module 14150 Tactical Sweep / EOD Integration (Practice)
- p. Module 14160 Mentored Training Lanes
- q. Module 14170 M-IEDD Mentored Exercises
- r. Module 14180 M-IEDD Final Tactical 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 module classes of the course. The achievement of POs / ELOs will be assessed through a theory test, during Syndicate Tasks (TTXs) and through a Final Tactical IEDD Exercise (FTX) upon conclusion of the course.

The trainees will be awarded with the certification statement (one of the following) corresponding with their performance:

- a. The trainee has proven the basic knowledge and skills of Illustrate underpinning information and context for M-IEDD operations and summarize the relevant principles to apply and best practice in executing M-IEDD operations.
- b. The trainee has proven the basic knowledge and the basic knowledge and skills of Illustrate underpinning information and context for M-IEDD operations

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c. The trainee has failed to prove the basic knowledge and the basic knowledge and skills of Illustrate underpinning information and context for M-IEDD operations and summarize the relevant principles to apply and best practice in executing M-IEDD operations.

8. The tuition fee of the course is **900 €** per person. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

9. The course will start on **Monday, 18 Oct and will end on Friday, 22 Oct 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 register **no later than (NLT) Monday 20 Sep 2021**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register **NLT Friday 18 Jun 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](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int).

11. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://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>.

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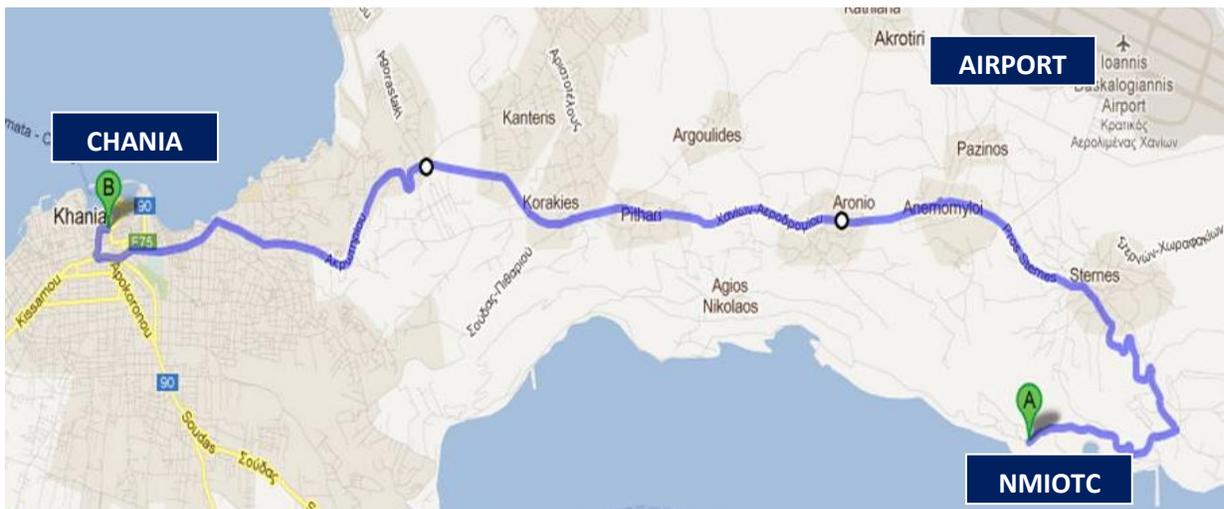
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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

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 Application Form through NMIOTC official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://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. It is the individual’s responsibility to apply for and obtain visa as well as to have the proper travel and medical documentation. Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs website ([www.mfa.gr](http://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 center 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:** A direct link for credit card payment can be sent to participant's email address to complete payment procedure before event's start date.

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](mailto: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 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](http://www.akali-hotel.gr). (promotional code "NMIOTC 21")  
E-mail: [info@akali-hotel.gr](mailto:info@akali-hotel.gr) Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.

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

SAMARIA 4\* hotel [www.samariahotel.gr](http://www.samariahotel.gr) (promotional code "NMIOTC 21")  
E-mail: [reservations@samariahotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

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.

KRITI hotel 3\* hotel ([www.kriti-hotel.gr/](http://www.kriti-hotel.gr/)),  
E-mail: [info@kriti-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kriti-hotel.gr) , Tel. +302821051881  
PORTO VENEZIANO 3\* hotel [www.portoveneziano.gr](http://www.portoveneziano.gr).  
E-mail: [hotel@portoveneziano.gr](mailto:hotel@portoveneziano.gr) Tel: +30 28210 27100.

ROYAL SUN 3\* hotel [www.royalsunhotel.com](http://www.royalsunhotel.com).

E-mail: [hotelroyalsun@gmail.com](mailto: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: [www.e-ktel.com/en/services/dromologia](http://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](mailto:cars@stc.gr), [www.rentacar-chania.gr](http://www.rentacar-chania.gr), tel. +30 28210 89065.

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. 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 when needed. The Naval Hospital of Crete can provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment and transfer to the 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 governmental site <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 for updates.

**Note:** It is advised the participants 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.