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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 7000 “MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT TO COUNTER PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA OPERATIONS” (ETOC MOP-MO-31210), 15 - 19 November 2021**

DATE: 10 May 2021

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2021
B. NMIOTC DIR 60-1 CHANGE 11 - Cost of NMIOTC Training (Tuition Fees)

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2021 (Ref. A), as well as the accreditation by ACT of the 7000 course as “NATO Listed”, NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO nations, Partner nations and Non-NATO Entities (NNEs) to participate in this training, which will take place at NMIOTC premises, in Marathi-Souda Bay, Chania, GREECE, from 15 to 19 November 2021.

2. The aim of the course is to provide a comprehensive training package that includes theoretical and practical aspects in the field of counter piracy operations. The desired outcome is for the participants to develop an understanding of all the relevant issues concerning piracy and receive practical training on counter piracy tactics and techniques.

3. The target audience is Officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-3 (Staff Planners, Command Team members) and Petty Officers (CPO, PO) / Enlisted personnel (Boarding Team Leaders / Members), as well as equivalent civilian personnel. Military Agencies, Law Enforcement Agencies (Coast Guard, Port Police etc.) and other Governmental / International agencies and organizations 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 curriculum of Course 7000 will include the following modules:

a. Theoretical:

- (1) Module 7010: Piracy & Armed Robbery at Sea Overview.
- (2) Module 7020: Ongoing Counter-Piracy Operations.
- (3) Module 7030: ROE Implementation & Legal Issues.
- (4) Module 7040: Piracy Characteristics and Modes of Operation.
- (5) Module 7050: Case Studies on Piracy Incidents.
- (6) Module 7060: Lessons Learned from Counter-Piracy Operations.
- (7) Module 7070: Anti-Piracy Measures in Merchant Shipping.
- (8) Module 7075: MIO Related Messages.
- (9) Module 7080: Simulated Counter-Piracy Scenarios.
- (10) Module 7090: NATO Biometrics in MIO.

b. Practical:

- (1) Module 7100: Small Skiff Investigation.
- (2) Module 7200: Pirate Mother Ship VBSS / Hijacked Merchant Vessel Boarding.

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

7. In order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate, the participants must attend at least 85% of the module classes of the course.

8. The tuition fee for the course is **530€** per person. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

9. The course is not subsidized by MPD funds.

10. The course will start on **Monday, 15 November and will end on Friday, 19 November 2021**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

11. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Friday 08 October 2021.**

Candidates from Non-NATO Entities (NNEs) not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register **NLT Friday 16 July 2021**, so that adequate time is provided for NATO approval procedures. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site: <https://nmiotc.nato.int/join-us/individual-application-form/> .

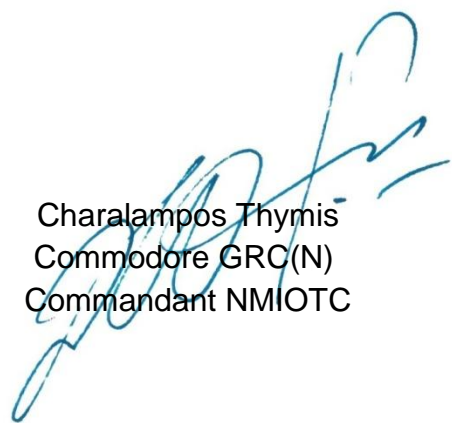
12. **Regarding the current COVID-19 situation**, due to the Greek de-escalation plan and the preventive and protective measures implemented, NMIOTC has determined that it is possible to execute this course. Upon completion of the registration process, the feasibility of the course will be re-evaluated. Delegates who are registered will be updated by e-mail regarding any measures towards COVID-19 which must be undertaken, which may include cancellation of the course.

13. Further details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int and in the Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at <https://e-itep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx>

14. **NMIOTC Points of Contact (PoCs):**

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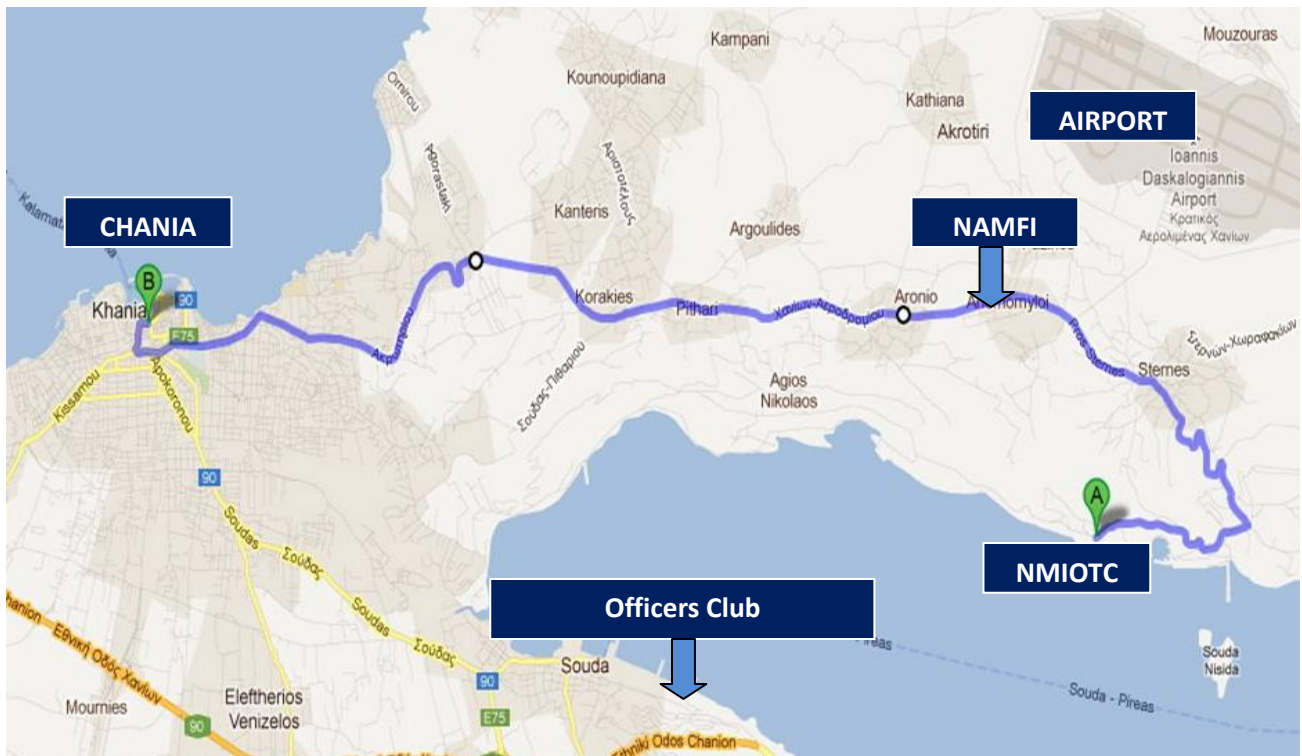
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Location:** NMIOTC is located in 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 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 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 obtain his/her 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 of the Course 7000 is 530 € per person and includes the use of 25 simmunition rounds. The RHIBs, whaler and skiff will be used during the training at no cost for the trainees. 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, by credit card (American Express excluded) or by bank deposit to the NMIOTC bank account:

IBAN Number: GR 38 0110 4940 0000 4945 4001 048

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Bank Name: National Bank of Greece

Note: Bank deposit must be completed **no later than 3 working days** before the start date of the course. 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:** Participants are strongly recommended to wear Battle Dress Uniforms or National Equivalent for the whole training as well as for the Graduation Ceremony. Practical modules will require participants to be attired suitably for working on-board vessels and small boats. Participants are reminded to dress according to the weather conditions at the time of course delivery.

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 are 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 list of recommended hotels in Chania offering special prices (for participants who book directly with each hotel by e-mail using the code "**NMIOTC Guest**") and included breakfast and internet connection, is as follows:

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 (promotional code NMIOTC 21)
E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

c. SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahhotel.gr (promotional code NMIOTC 21)
E-mail: reservations@samariahhotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

d. ARKADI 3* hotel www.arkadi-hotel.gr
E-mail: info@arkadi-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 90181.

e. HALEPA hotel 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.

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. 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://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:

a. Gelasakis Car Rental: E-mail cars@stc.gr, www.rentacar-chania.gr, tel. +30 28210 89065.

b. 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 Akrotiriou st.) to NMIOTC and vice versa 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 can provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment while the Prefectural Hospital of Chania can provide further diagnosis or specialist treatment if

required. NMIOTC does not cover trainees' expenses for additional medical treatments and the settlement of medical bills is a patient/national responsibility.

11. **Regarding the COVID-19 situation**, all the necessary measures taken to prevent the wide-spread of COVID-19 and any travel restrictions for Greece are available at <https://nmiotc.nato.int/general-information-on-coronavirus-covid-19/> .

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. It is required to hold your passport or your national identification during in-processing and whenever you enter the premises.