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NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
NMIOTC
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER PILOT COURSE 29000 “DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CBRN MATERIALS) IN MARITIME INTERDICTION”,
28 February – 4 March 2022**

DATE: 16 September 2021

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2022
B. NMIOTC 3000 Ser.: NU106, dated 19 July 2021 (NMIOTC CRB Report)

1. NMIOTC under the auspices and guidance of the Allied Command Transformation (ACT) will organize a pilot course focused on issues and challenges in conducting Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) to support capabilities building for Boarding Teams for detection and identification of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and their means of delivery. The course program is in support of enhancing national and regional capabilities and cooperation in maritime interdiction consistent with international law and WMD counter proliferation initiatives, such as the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) and other maritime related initiatives and frameworks. NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO and Partners to participate in this event, which will take place in Marathi - Souda Bay, Chania - GREECE, from 28 February to 4 March 2022.

2. The aim of the course is to provide participants with an orientation, deeper understanding, and greater appreciation of operational, and tactical challenges and issues of MIO with a focus on WMD proliferation and materials trafficking. The training will be escalated by a situational training exercise and a final practical exercise which will provide final training in the various characteristics of WMD in MIO considerations and capabilities, to include reach back modalities, while executing tactical interdiction scenarios.

3. The target audience is officers from OF-1 to OF-2 and Petty Officers (OR-4 to OR-9), as well as equivalent civilian governmental officials that are in any way involved in Maritime Security and Maritime Interdiction Operations, potentially related with Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). Personnel from Law Enforcement Authorities, Custom services and other related agencies, are also strongly encouraged to participate.

4. The course will be conducted in English. Translation into other languages will not be provided. The following proficiency standards in English are required to attend: Listening- Professional (3), Speaking- Functional (2), Reading- Professional (3), Writing- Functional (2).

5. The course is "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 29000 includes the following modules:

- a. Module 29010 – CBRN Protection, decontamination and the available equipment in MIO
- b. Module 29020 – CBRN CHEM in MIO
- c. Module 29030 – CBRN BIO in MIO
- d. Module 29040 – CBRN RAD/NUC in MIO
- e. Module 29025 – CBRN CHEM detection and identification in MIO practical training
- f. Module 29035 – CBRN BIO detection and identification in MIO practical training.
- g. Module 29045/1 – CBRN RAD detection and identification in MIO practical training.
- h. Module 29045/2 – CBRN NUC detection and identification in MIO practical training.
- i. Module 29050/1 – Final FTX Part 1
- j. Module 29050/2 – Final FTX Part 2.

Legislation

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

7. The attendees must attend at least 85% of the module classes of the course. The achievement of Performance Objectives / Enabling Learning Objectives will be assessed through a theory tests, practical evaluation and through a Final Tactical Exercise upon conclusion of the course.

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

- a. The trainee has proven the knowledge and skills of the tactical dimensions of the Detection and Identification of WMD in Maritime Environment by following NATO procedures.
- b. The trainee has to demonstrate the basic knowledge and skills of the Detection and Identification Chemical, Biological and radiological agents by following NATO procedures.
- c. The trainee has failed to prove the basic knowledge and skills of the tactical dimensions of Detection and Identification of WMD in Maritime Environment by following NATO procedures.

8. The cost for the course is **0 (zero) €** per trainee. Comprehensive instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

9. The course will start on **Monday, 28 February and will end on Friday, 4 March 2022**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates from NATO countries and partners are kindly requested to register **NLT Friday 28 January 2022**. Candidates from Non-NATO Countries not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register **NLT Thursday 28 October 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.

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>.

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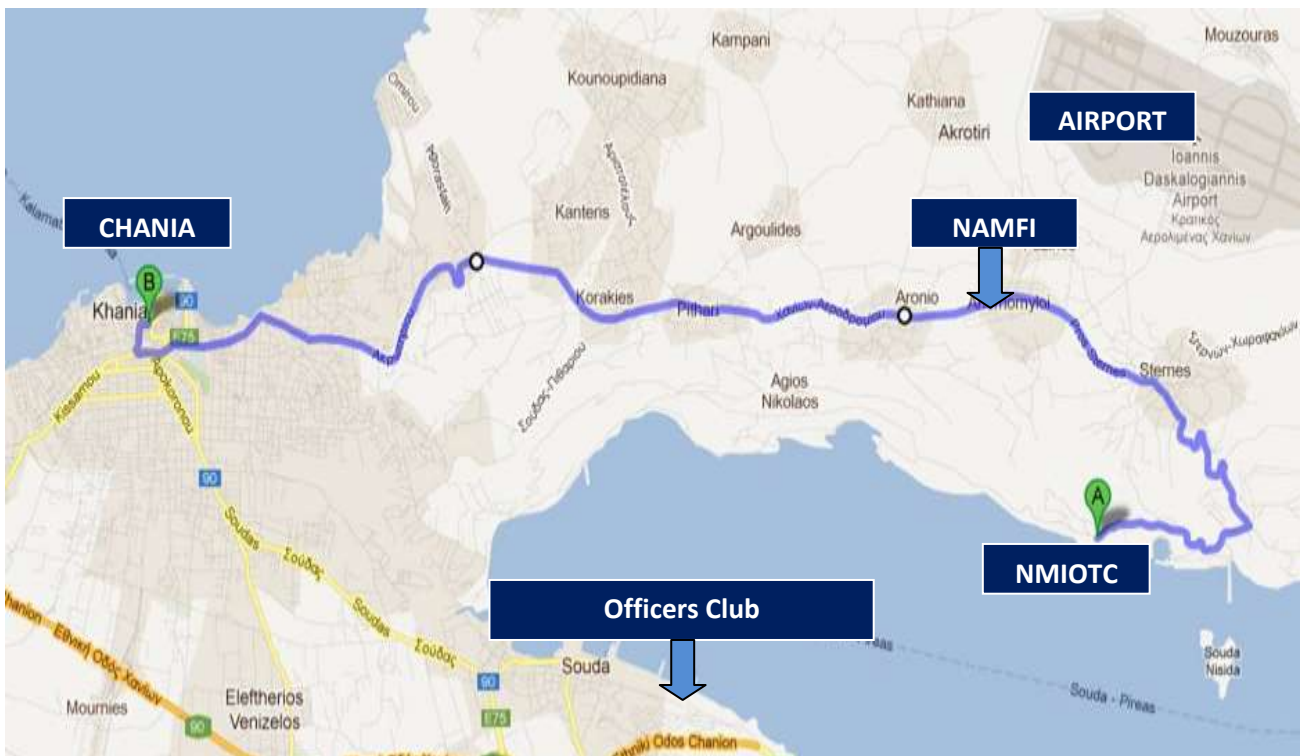
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ENCLOSURES:

1. Administrative Instructions

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 code: CHQ). Distance from the city of Chania to NMIOTC is 20 km and from the airport to NMIOTC is 9 Km. Chania is a picturesque, unique medieval city bearing a rich and long history and culture. The following map provides orientation and driving directions from the city of Chania to NMIOTC.



2. Registration:

- a. 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.

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- 3. Visa Requirement:** Participants or their national authorities are responsible for visa arrangements. Participants are advised to contact well in advance, proper diplomatic agencies for up to date information. It is an individual’s responsibility to apply and obtain their visa and to have the proper travel/medical documentation. Hellenic

Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (www.mfa.gr) provides relevant visa information requirements.

- 4. Tuition Fee:** The cost for the pilot one week course is 0 (zero) €. 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 (American express excluded) or by bank deposit to the NMIOTC bank account:

- a. IBAN Number: GR 38 0110 4940 0000 4945 4001 048
- b. Swift BIC: ETHN GRAA
- c. 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 has to be completed **no later than 3 working days** after the start date of the course. The relevant document with proper justification has to be e-mailed to NMIOTC Budget & Finance officer at kladosa@nmiotc.nato.int. NMIOTC will cover only the expense that National Bank of Greece may charge for the transactions and not the potential charges of other banks that may finally intervene.

- 5. Dress Code:** Participants are strongly recommended to wear Battle Dress Uniforms for the whole theoretical and practical 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 20)
E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahhotel.gr (promotional code NMIOTC 20)
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.

NAMFI Military Barracks (www.namfi.gr)
E-mail: info@namfi.gr Tel: +30 2821026800 or +30 2821026805

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:

a. 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/images/pdfs/AIRPORT_FROM_08-07-2019.pdf

b. By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24/7, approx. 25,00€

c. There are several rental car agencies at the airport. Rental car agencies that have offered special prices for NMIOTC guests are as follows:

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

(2) 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 will provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment and when necessary, the military doctors may arrange with 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 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.