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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 23000 “WEAPONS INTELLIGENCE TEAM (WIT) SUPPLEMENT IN THE MARITIME ENVIRONMENT” (IED-ED-35437), 30 May - 03 June 2022**

DATE: 27 Jan 2022

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2022
B. ACT/JFD/HCEIT/TT+1534/Dated 18 Jun 19

1. WIT is an established capability within NATO, with training courses delivered regularly at venues throughout the alliance under the auspices of the Counter Improvised Explosive Devices Centre of Excellence (C-IED COE). The current capability, however, is centered around the Land operating environment, with lessons learned and technical solutions derived primarily for this domain. It has however, been identified that while the current NATO WIT training course fulfills a generic requirement, complex Areas of Operations require specific attention in order to establish the capability to operate in challenging environments. These environments include the Maritime Area of Operations. This NMIOTC Course will endeavor to facilitate a common knowledge and skill level commensurate with the challenges and limitations faced in including Maritime-WIT (M-WIT) operations.
2. NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO and 7 NNN partner nations to participate in this event, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from **30 May to 03 Jun 2022**.
3. The aim of the course is to educate and train NATO nations and 7 NNN WIT personnel in NATO Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs) to conduct Level 1 – Field Exploitation tasks on board vessels and other maritime infrastructure, as well as in the Underwater Environment, in support of C-IED operations.
4. The target audience is WIT-qualified Military and Law Enforcement Personnel (or those qualified with national/multinational 1st Level Technical Exploitation / Field Collection skills) involved in Technical Exploitation / Forensic Investigation in their respective units or organizations.
5. 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-Functional (2), Speaking- Functional (2), Reading- Functional (2), and Writing- Functional (2) (STANAG 6001).

6. The course is marked as “NATO Restricted / Releasable to 7 NNN partner nations”. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.

7. The curriculum of Course 23000 includes the following modules:

- a. **Module 23010** - Overview of the Maritime IED threat
- b. **Module 23020** - The NATO WIT Process
- c. **Module 23040** - Maritime Terrorism, Tactics and Targets
- d. **Module 23045** – Exploitation Unit Capabilities
- e. **Module 23050** - Underwater (UW) Hazardous Device Recognition and Construction
- f. **Module 23060** - Fragmentation Analysis
- g. **Module 23065** - Latent Print Collection
- h. **Module 23070** - UW Explosive Effects
- i. **Module 23080** - Post Incident Surface Ship Inspection
- j. **Module 23090** - UW Post Blast Collection Methods
- k. **Module 23100** - Maritime Search 1 (Vessel search – Search Methods)
- l. **Module 23105** - Maritime Search 2 (Land Side / Shore)
- m. **Module 23110** - Maritime Search 3 (UW Scene Management)
- n. **Module 23120** - Case Study Presentation #1
- o. **Module 23130** - Case Study Presentation #2
- p. **Module 23135** - Battle Damage Assessment Equipment Demonstration
- q. **Module 23140** - Practical Syndicate Exercise (Search and Exploit Scene)
- r. **Module 23145** - Dive Brief Demonstration
- s. **Module 23150** - Practical UW Exploitation Exercise
- t. **Module 23160** - UW Damage Assessment
- u. **Module 23165** - Device Reconstruction Analysis
- v. **Module 23170** - Final Tactical C-IED Exercise

NOTE: A detailed agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions which will be released in due course. Training modules are subject to change.

8. In order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate, participants must attend at least 85% of the modules of the course. Assessment of trainee performance will be accomplished during the practical training. Trainees will demonstrate skills during practical drills and scenarios and will be assessed by NMIOTC Instructors. All necessary diving operations will be carried out by the NMIOTC EOD Divers.

9. The tuition fee of the course is **980 €** per person. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

10. The course will start on **Monday, 30 May and will end on Friday, 03 June 2022**. The training schedule will run from 08:30 to 15:00 daily.

11. In support of the development of TE capabilities across the Alliance, NMIOTC will also conduct with cooperation of FBI, Underwater Post Blast Exploitation (UPX) Training a week prior (23-27 May 22) exclusively for EOD Divers. This training could be linked with the subject course and the Calling Letter will be released by NMIOTC the following weeks.

12. With the current COVID-19 situation, due to the Greek de-escalation plan and the preventive and protective measures that have been implemented, it is been determined that it is possible to execute this course. When registration closes, we will evaluate if this is still valid. Delegates who are registered will be updated by e-mail regarding any measures towards COVID-19 that must be undertaken, which may include cancellation of the course.

13. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Friday 22 Apr 2022**. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site <http://nmiotc.nato.int/join-us/individual-application-form/> by submitting the application form, or alternatively saving it as pdf and emailing it to studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int. Due to the high demand for this training, prospective attendees are requested to refrain from making travel arrangements until participation is confirmed by NMIOTC. All efforts will be made to ensure a diverse representation of participating nations. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided in Enclosure 1.

14. Event 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>.

15. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

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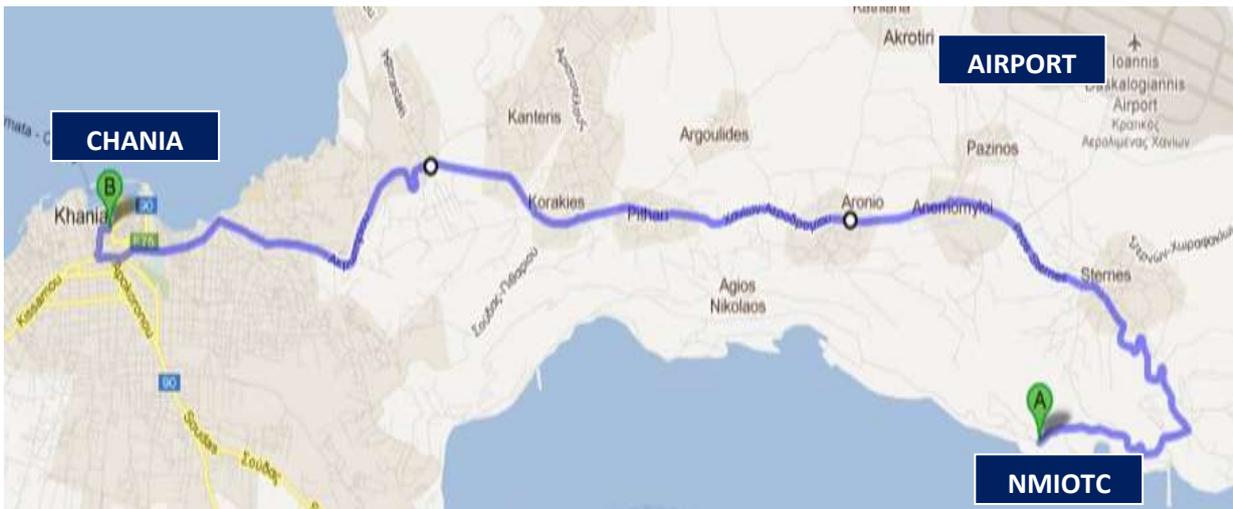
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ENCLOSURE:

1. Administrative Instructions

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 code: CHQ). The 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:

a. You are kindly requested to submit your Application Form in accordance to paragraph 13 of the main body. Applications submitted after the deadline may not be accepted. All applicants will receive a confirmation message within three days of their submission. 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 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 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. 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 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 and provides 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 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 including breakfast and internet connection, is as follows:

AKALI 4* hotel www.akali-hotel.gr. (promotional code "NMIOTC 22")

E-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.

KYDON 4* hotel www.kydon-hotel.com (promotional code "NMIOTC 22")

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

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahhotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC 22")

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.

KRITI 3* hotel, www.kriti-hotel.gr , E-mail: info@kriti-hotel.gr, Tel. +302821051881

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. Transportation from Chania Airport to the city centre 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

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, 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 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 do not cover trainees' expenses for additional 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. The overall security classification of presentations/discussions is up to "NATO RESTRICTED/RELEASABLE TO 7 NNN". Therefore, all participants will be required to show the respective Security Clearance Certificate during the in-Processing.