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SUBJECT: **13<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022 – COORDINATION LETTER**

DATE: 11 May 2022

REFERENCE: 13<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Annual Conference 2022 – CALLING LETTER

1. **Introduction:** With the document in reference NMIOTC has called for participation in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, which will take place in its premises, Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

2. **Theme:** “Countering Terrorism Threats in Maritime Domain: How effective Interdiction strengthens Alliance’s Deterrence and Defence Objectives”

3. **Aim of the event:** The upcoming 13<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Annual Conference 2022 aims at providing opportunities for discussions and exchange ideas, among the international community of interest, on the issue of Maritime Terrorism. The capability of Interdiction, as a powerful tool in the hands of decision makers, to counter terrorism threats in maritime domain and to contribute to Alliance’s objectives over this arena, will be analyzed.

4. **Schedule:** The provisional Agenda is cited in Enclosure 1.

5. **Administrative Details:** Administrative requirements, arrangements and information are provided in Enclosure 2.

6. **Remarks:** There has been announced an extension for the final day of registration until **Wednesday 25 May 22**. Additional details and updated information are available at the website of the centre: [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int)

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8. Thanking you in advance for your support to the 13<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC Annual Conference, we look forward to an interesting and productive event, and to welcoming you to the picturesque and historical city of Chania.



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Commodore GRC (N)  
Commandant NMIOTC

ENCLOSURES:

1. 13th Annual Conference Provisional Agenda
2. 13th Annual Conference Administrative Details

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MPSOTC  
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DCOS CAPDEV  
DCOS SPP  
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HQ SACT /GREEK NLR (pls pass to HQ SACT NLRs and PNLRs)

SHAPE COS  
SHAPE J2  
SHAPE J3  
SHAPE J5  
SHAPE J7  
SHAPE Greek NMR (pls pass to NMRs and PNMRs of other countries)  
SHAPE MPD

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JFC BRUNSSUM DCOS OPS  
JFC BRUNSSUM MPD

JFC NAPLES COS  
JFC NAPLES -3-  
JFC NAPLES DCOS OPS  
JFC NAPLES MPD/J9  
JFC NORFOLK COS  
JSEC (Joint Support and Enabling Command)

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HQ MARCOM DCOM  
HQ MARCOM COS  
HQ MARCOM DCOS OPS  
NS HQ (NATO Special Operations Forces HQ)  
HQ COM ITA MARFOR  
HQ COM ESP MARFOR  
HQ COM UK MARFOR  
HQ COM FRA MARFOR  
HQ STRIKEFOR NATO

SFN DCOS OPS

CMRE  
JALLC  
JFTC  
JWC  
NDC  
NSO (Nato Standardization Office)  
STO (NATO Science and Technology Organization)  
CUSRDG (Canada-US Regional Planning Group)  
CJPS (Combined Joint Planning Staff)  
IFC (Intelligence Fusion Centre)  
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Command and Control (C2)  
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Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices (C-IED)  
Counter Intelligence (CI)  
Crisis Management and Disaster Response (CMDR)  
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Energy Security (ENSEC)  
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COM US Naval Forces Africa  
COM US 5th Fleet  
COM US 6th Fleet  
USCG - Deputy Commandant for Operations (CG-DCO)  
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United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)  
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United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS)  
United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations  
United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs  
United Nations Office of Legal Affairs

IMO - Maritime Security Section  
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OSCE  
NATO TGOS SECRETARY  
WCO - Enforcement Committee  
PSI  
CSI  
University of Plymouth  
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Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), United States  
Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), United States  
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### PfP Countries (through their embassies):

Defense attaché of Armenia in Athens  
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Embassy of Finland in Athens  
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GRC Defence Attaché in Armenia: pls pass to Georgia  
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GRC Defence Attaché in Italy: pls pass to Malta  
Defense attaché of Serbia in Athens  
Embassy of Switzerland in Athens  
GRC Defence Attaché in Romania: pls pass to Ukraine & The Republic of Moldova

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GRC Defence Attaché in Libya: pls pass to Algeria and Tunisia  
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GRC Defence Attaché in Israel  
GRC Defence Attaché in Jordan  
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GRC Defence Attaché in Qatar: pls also pass to Bahrain and Kuwait  
GRC Defence Attaché in United Arab Emirates

**13<sup>th</sup> NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 7-8 June 2022**  
**Provisional AGENDA**

TIME (EEST)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b>7 June 22</b>		
<b>0830-0900</b>	Registration – in processing	
<b>0900-0910</b>	Admin / Security Brief	<b>LtCdr Konstantinos PAPANASTASIS GRC (N)</b> Head Student Admin Affairs, HNS & MWR
<b>0910-0940</b>	<b>NMIOTC Welcome Address</b>	<b>Commodore Charalampos THYMIS GRC (N)</b> NMIOTC Commandant
	<b>Host Nation Welcome address</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>0940-1010</b>	<b>Keynote Speakers</b>	<b>Vice Admiral Keith BLOUNT,</b> Commander of NATO's Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM)  <b>Rear Admiral Mihai PANAIT,</b> Chief of the Romanian Naval Forces
<b>1010-1020</b>	Group Photo	
<b>1020-1040</b>	Coffee Break - Networking	
<b>1040-1200</b>	<b>SESSION 1: Terrorism Threats in Maritime Domain</b>	<b>Moderator: Dr. Nikitas NIKITAKOS,</b> Professor Dept. of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
	TBD	<b>Professor James Henry BERGERON,</b> Political Advisor to the Commander Allied Maritime Command
	EU MSO concept and EU Coordinated Maritime Presences at NW Indian Ocean	<b>Cpt H.N. Efstathios KYRIAKIDIS,</b> HoD OPS Coordination, EUMS
	The challenges faced by the Israeli navy in the presence of maritime terrorism on two fronts: Red Sea - Israeli security strategy.	<b>Ms. Lauren DAGAN,</b> Lecturer and researcher fellow at Maritime Policy, Haifa University
<b>1200-1300</b>	Lunch Break – Networking	

<p><b>1300-1420</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 2:</b> The role of Interdiction in counter terrorism – current and future challenges</p> <p>The role of Maritime Interdiction Operations as a critical enabler of maritime security</p> <p>The legal framework of Maritime Interdiction Operations</p> <p>Counter IED in the Maritime environment: threat perspective and challenges</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Prof. Iosif PROGOULAKIS,</b> Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean</p> <p><b>Cdr H-N Konstantinos RAPTIS,</b> Staff Officer of NMIOTC</p> <p><b>Lt Col Nikolaos BALIS,</b> Staff Officer of NMIOTC</p> <p><b>Cdr IT-N Giovanni MODUGNO</b> Italian Navy Divers Group, Doctrine development Office</p>
<p><b>1420-1510</b></p>	<p>Coffee Break - Networking</p>	
<p><b>1510-1630</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 3:</b> Counter WMD proliferation and illicit trafficking</p> <p>WMD counter proliferation initiatives: tackle the great legal hurdle of maritime interdiction</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>Multinational Approaches to Coordinating Regional Maritime Security Efforts</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Lt Col Wendi O. BROWN,</b> US Army Reserve</p> <p><b>Ms. Nikoleta CHALANOULI,</b> Member of the International Legal Materials</p> <p><b>Ms. Siri BJUNE,</b> United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime</p> <p><b>Mr. Kevin DUFFY,</b> Maritime security consultant, US Coast Guard (ret.)</p>
<p><b>END OF FIRST DAY</b></p>		
<p><b>2000-2230</b></p>	<p>Social Event</p>	



TIME (EEST)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b>8 June 22</b>		
<b>0830-0900</b>	Coffee - Networking	
<b>0900-0930</b>	<b>Keynote Speakers</b>	<p><b>Brigadier General Bart LAURENT,</b> Director of the Operations of the European Union Military Staff (EUMS)</p> <p><b>Dr. Wendin SMITH,</b> Director Arms Control, Disarmament, and WMD Non-proliferation Centre (ACDC)</p>
<b>0930-1050</b>	<p><b>SESSION 4: Technological Superiority as a game changer in Counter Terrorism</b></p> <p>Use of autonomous craft in law enforcement and counter-terrorism</p> <p>The potential implications for maritime security from the use of quantum technologies.</p> <p>Integration of sensors, autonomous vehicles, and non-kinetic effectors in waterborne security barriers.</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Mr. Dinos A. Kerigan-Kyrou,</b> Cyber Security, Joint Command &amp; Staff Course, Irish Defence Forces</p> <p><b>Dr. Ioannis CHAPSOS,</b> Assistant Professor Coventry University</p> <p><b>Dr. Nikitas NIKITAKOS,</b> Professor Dept. of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean</p> <p><b>Mr. Matthew SEARLE,</b> CEO, Maritime Arresting Technologies</p>
<b>1050-1115</b>	Coffee Break Lunch Break - Networking	
<b>1115-1240</b>	<p><b>SESSION 5: Threats to Maritime Critical Infrastructure</b></p> <p>What is maritime critical infrastructure? What are the threats?</p> <p>A counter terrorism framework for cruise and passenger ships</p> <p>Maritime critical infrastructure protection – Italian Navy Perspective</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Lt Col Wendi O. BROWN,</b> US Army Reserve</p> <p><b>Mr. David NORDELL,</b> Haifa University Research Associate</p> <p><b>Dr. Kristen KUHN,</b> Research Fellow Institute for Peace and Security, Coventry University</p> <p><b>LtCdr Stefano CANARUTTO</b> Staff Officer of Italian Navy General Staff</p>
<b>1240-1340</b>	Lunch Break - Networking	

<p><b>1340-1500</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 6:</b> Contribution of Innovative Technologies to Maritime Critical Infrastructure Protection</p> <p>Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Applications for Critical Maritime Energy Assets</p> <p>Case Studies - Innovative technologies for maritime infrastructure protection in realistic scenarios</p> <p>New optical fiber sensing technologies for counter terrorism and critical infrastructure protection</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Dr. Nikitas NIKITAKOS,</b> Professor Dept. of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean</p> <p><b>Mr. Iosif PROGOULAKIS,</b> PhD Candidate and Fulbright Scholar</p> <p><b>Mr. Edward LUNDQUIST,</b> Captain, U.S. Navy (retired) Surface Navy Association</p> <p><b>Dr. Stavros PISSADAKIS,</b> Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas</p>
<p><b>1500-1515</b></p>	<p><b>Final Wrap up</b></p>	<p><b>Mr. Dinos A. Kerigan-Kyrou</b></p>
<p><b>1515-1520</b></p>	<p><b>NMIOTC Farewell Address</b></p>	<p><b>Commodore Charalampos THYMIS GRC (N)</b> NMIOTC Commandant</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>END OF CONFERENCE</b></p>		

### **Annual Conference Administrative Details**

1. **Schedule:** The conference will be held over two days, from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022. It is advised to consider Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of June (or earlier) and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of June (or later) as travel days. The program of the Conference will be regularly updated on NMIOTC's web page at [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int). A Provisional Agenda of the conference is as per Enclosure 1, while a final detailed Agenda will be issued along with the release of the joining instructions, two weeks before the event. A dedicated Spouses Program will be planned according to the level of participation (at least 5 participants).
2. **Participants:** Registration is open to all interested participants. Speakers from Military and International 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 Counter Terrorism and Maritime Security. We anticipate for participation from NATO, Partner Nations, International Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, non - NATO Entities 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.
3. **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.**
4. **Attire:** The attire for the Conference will be summer service uniform or business casual (jacket & tie) for the military personnel and business casual for the civilians.
5. **Registration:** Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site dedicated registration area, <http://nmiotc.nato.int/join-us/individual-application-form/>, no later than **Wednesday 25 May 22**. A confirmation message will be sent within 3 working days.
6. **Lodging and Transportation:** Attendees are responsible for the arrangement of their own accommodation and transportation from/to Chania International Airport. 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. A list of recommended Hotels around Chania city centre is as follows. Special prices have been negotiated for NMIOTC's guests and will apply to participants only for direct booking with each hotel and by using the promotional codes listed below:
  - a. AKALI 4\* hotel [www.akali-hotel.gr](http://www.akali-hotel.gr), Promo. code: **"NMIOTC 22"** via hotel's online booking platform.  
E-mail: [info@akali-hotel.gr](mailto:info@akali-hotel.gr), Tel: +30 28210 92872.
  - b. KYDON 4\* hotel [www.kydon-hotel.com](http://www.kydon-hotel.com), Promo. code: **"NMIOTC 22"** via hotel's online booking platform.  
E-mail: [info@kydon-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kydon-hotel.gr), Tel: +30 28210 52280.

- c. SAMARIA 4\* hotel [www.samariahhotel.gr](http://www.samariahhotel.gr), Promo. code: “**NMIOTC 22**” via hotel’s online booking platform.  
E-mail: [reservations@samariahhotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahhotel.gr), Tel: +30 2821038600.
- d. ARKADI 3\* hotel [www.arkadi-hotel.gr](http://www.arkadi-hotel.gr), Promo. code: “**NMIOTC Guest**” via mailing to hotel’s e-mail address.  
E-mail: [info@arkadi-hotel.gr](mailto:info@arkadi-hotel.gr), Tel: +30 28210 90181.
- e. KRITI 3\* hotel [www.kriti-hotel.gr](http://www.kriti-hotel.gr), Promo. code: “**NMIOTC Guest**” via mailing to hotel’s e-mail address.  
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- f. PORTO VENEZIANO 3\* hotel [www.portoveneziano.gr](http://www.portoveneziano.gr), Promo. code: “**NMIOTC Guest**” via mailing to hotel’s e-mail address.  
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7. **Medical service:** First aid and emergency medical support is offered by NMIOTC paramedic and local Naval Hospital. However, for all other situations, medical expenses must be paid by the individuals or their insurance agencies. All participants are strongly advised to have appropriate medical insurance.

8. **Conference fee:** The Conference fee is **125€** for each attendee to cover conference and administrative expenses. For the speakers, the Conference fee is **62,5 €**. An additional fee of **60€** for spouses will be required, in case they want to participate in the Official Dinner/Spouses Program. This program will include sightseeing tour, shopping and leisure time in the wider area of Chania Prefecture. 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”**

9. **Social program:** NMIOTC will host an official dinner on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of June. The Spouses program will include participation in the official dinner, as well as, sightseeing tour, shopping and leisure time in the wider area of Chania Prefecture on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of June, during business hours. As an early indication for the potential participation in the Spouses program, those who intend to be accompanied by their spouse are kindly asked to mention it in the remarks field of the Individual Application Form.

10. **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.