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NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 29000 “DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CBRN MATERIALS) IN MARITIME INTERDICTION, WMD-MD-35660”, 07 – 11 Apr 2025**

DATE: 20 Nov 2024

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2025
B. NMIOTC DIR 60-1 Change 12 Cost of NMIOTC Training (Tuition Fee)

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2025, NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO Member States and Partner Nations to participate in this event, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, **from 7 to 11 Apr 2025**. Following the latest trends in NATO CBRN community and under guidance of the Allied Command Transformation (ACT), NMIOTC will organize a course focused on issues and challenges in conducting Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) to prevent and deter trafficking, proliferation 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.

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-3 and Petty Officers and NCOs (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 to/from 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) (STANAG 6001).

5. The course is marked as “NATO Unclassified / Releasable to PfP (except Belarus and Russia), MD, ICI, PatG (except Afghanistan)”. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.
6. The curriculum of Course 29000 includes the following modules:
- a. Module 29010 – NATO’s CBRN Strategy and MDO
 - b. Module 29020 – WMD / CBRN Threat in MIO
 - c. Module 29030 – Selected Aspects of VBSS
 - d. Module 29040 – Tactical Site Exploitation/Evidence Collection
 - e. Module 29050 – CBRN Protection, Decontamination and the Available Equipment in MIO
 - f. Module 29060 – Detection and Identification of CBRN Substances in MIO - CHEM
 - g. Module 29070 – Detection and Identification of CBRN Substances in MIO - BIO
 - h. Module 29080 – Detection and Identification of CBRN Substances in MIO – RAD/NUC
 - i. Module 29090 – Final FTX (Planning, Executing and After Action Review of MIO)

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 modules of the course, in order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate. Assessment of trainee performance will be accomplished during the practical training. The trainees will demonstrate skills during practical drills and scenarios and will be assessed by NMIOTC Instructors.

8. The tuition fee of the course is **550 €** per person. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

9. The course will start on **Monday, 7 Apr and will end on Friday, 11 Apr 25**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 17:00, with time for a lunch/snack break. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Monday 03 March 2025**.

Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site <https://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://e-prime.org>.

12. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

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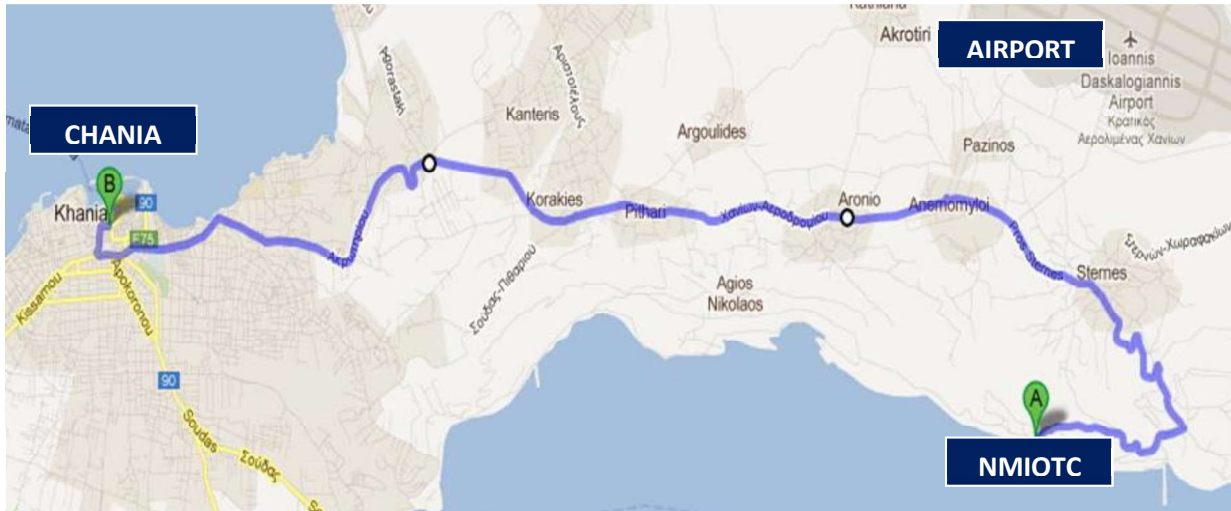
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Commandant NMIOTC

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) (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:** Participants are requested to sign up to NMIOTC registration portal found in NMIOTC website <https://nmiotc.nato.int> or using directly the link <https://nmiotc.classter.com>. A signup confirmation message will be received to the email provided during the sign up process, along with the respective credentials. Login to <https://nmiotc.classter.com> and submit your application to the respective course/event by using the “Application Management” function at the top left corner of the portal main page. You will receive a relevant message after the process of your application and your application will be “ACCEPTED”. You can update your personal and participation information (accommodation, travel days, etc) until your registration status become “REGISTERED”, approximately 10 days before the event. Registration status can be verified within the portal. If you encounter any problem during registration process, please contact studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int or NMIOTC POCs.

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 apply for and obtain their 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/Participation Fee and Methods of Payment:

A. BEFORE THE MEETING/EVENT	INFORMATION	REMARKS
1. By Bank Deposit	NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE, NMIOTC BANK ACCOUNT 494/540010-48 SWIFT BIC: ETHN GRAA IBAN: GR3801104940000049454001048	Bank deposits should be completed not later than <u>2 working days before the start date of the event</u> , bank charges are not covered by NMIOTC. The receipt should be sent by email to papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int and cc lafkasm@nmiotc.nato.int .
2. By Debit/Credit Card	Upon notification from the participant, the direct link for credit/debit card payment will be sent to the designated-by the participant-email address.	The participant should send an email to papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int and cc lafkasm@nmiotc.nato.int for receiving the link for the credit/debit card payment.
B. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MEETING/EVENT	INFORMATION	REMARKS
3. By Debit/Credit card	A valid credit/debit card should be presented on the first day of the event.	The fee is always paid in euros [the credit/debit card may provide the option to pay in another currency (other than euro) and therefore the 'euro' currency option must be chosen].
4. By Cash	-	The fee is always paid in euros.

5. Cancellation Policy: A late cancellation of a confirmed seat significantly impacts NMIOTC's ability to maximize training opportunities for the Alliance and results in a financial loss for NMIOTC. Upon receipt of written confirmation NMIOTC calendar, our cancellation fees apply as follows:

- a. 30 to 15 days prior to course start date: 10% of student tuition due.
- b. 14 to 8 days prior to course start date: 25% of student tuition due.
- c. 1 week prior to course start date: 50% of student tuition due.

6. Dress Code: Participants are advised to wear Battle Dress Uniforms or National Equivalent for the whole training as well as for the Graduation Ceremony.

7. 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.

8. Accommodation: The 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") and including breakfast and internet connection, is as follows:

THE CHANIA HOTEL 5* hotel www.thechaniahotel.com, E-mail: info@thechaniahotel.com Tel. +30 28210 90002

AKALI 4* hotel www.akali-hotel.gr. (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform)

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

KYDON 4* hotel www.kydon-hotel.com (promotional code “NMIOTC” via hotel’s online booking platform) E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahhotel.gr (promotional code “NMIOTC” via hotel’s online booking platform)”) 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.

9. Arrival and Departure: The participants should book a flight 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:

- 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: www.e-ktel.com/en/services/dromologia
- b. By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24/7, approx. 35,00€
- c. Additionally, there are several rental car agencies at the airport.

10. Transportation: Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from Chania city center pick-up points (Chania, Akali, Samaria (Arkadi is asked to use the Samaria stop), Kydon, Kriti (Porto Veneziano is asked to use the Kriti stop) to NMIOTC and vice-versa, during the course.

11. Medical service: The trainees are required to have a valid health insurance according to their respective national standards. The trainees from the EU Member States are advised 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.

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. The overall security classification of presentations/discussions is up to NATO Unclassified / Releasable to: PfP (except Belarus and Russia), MD, ICI, PatG”) Therefore, all participants are required to show the respective Security Clearance Certificate during the in-Processing.