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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 14000 “MARITIME IMPROVISED
EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DISPOSAL (M-IEDD)”, (MEG-EO-32008),
09 - 13 Mar 2026**

DATE: 22 Sep 2025

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2026
B. NMIOTC DIR 60-1 Change 13 Cost of NMIOTC Training
(Tuition Fees)

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2026 (Ref. A), NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO and Partner nations to participate in the Course 14000, which will take place at the Centre's premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 09 to 13 Mar 2026.

2. The aim of the course is to educate and train EXCLUSIVELY EOD PERSONNEL to competently undertake M-IEDD operations onboard vessels and other maritime infrastructure. On completion of the course, trainees will be able to:

a. Develop the IED threat awareness and apply the basic principles of IEDD to task resolution;

b. Implement the subject knowledge including specialist skills and render, safe techniques in support of M-IEDD;

c. Identify the related subjects of search and site exploitation (e.g. evidence preservation and collection, considerations during M-IEDD tasks);

d. Plan / conduct M-IEDD operations, including: task appreciation, appraisal of tactical considerations in respect of the operating environment, M-IEDD team make-up, required resources, access and requisite on-board actions;

3. The target audience for this course is naval and other law enforcement agencies EOD personnel (Coast Guard, Maritime Police, etc.), functioning as Team Commanders and Members (Personnel from military educational and training facilities are also eligible to participate).

Prerequisite: This course is addressed only to EOD qualified personnel.

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. This 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 14000 includes the following modules:

- a. Module 14010 M-IEDD Concept and Threat Overview
- b. Module 14020 M-IEDD Principle and Philosophy
- c. Module 14030 Assault Introduction
- d. Module 14040 M-IEDD Planning Considerations
- e. Module 14050 Hostage Management
- f. Module 14060 M-IEDD Equipment and Configuration
- g. Module 14070 M-IEDD Disruption
- h. Module 14080 Equipment Issue and Validation
- i. Module 14090 M-IEDD Disruption (Live Fire Demo)
- j. Module 14100 Syndicate Practice - Rapid Disruptor Placement
- k. Module 14110 Basic Manual Techniques
- l. Module 14120 Suicide Devices (Video & DEMO)
- m. Module 14130 M-IEDD Practical Exercise
- n. Module 14140 Tactical Sweep (Theory)
- o. Module 14150 Tactical Sweep / EOD Integration (Practice)
- p. Module 14160 Mentored Training Lanes
- q. Module 14170 M-IEDD Mentored Exercises
- r. Module 14180 M-IEDD Final Tactical Exercise

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 module classes of the course. The achievement of POs / ELOs will be assessed through a theory test, during Syndicate Tasks (TTXs) and through a Final Tactical IEDD Exercise (FTX) upon conclusion of the course. The trainees will be awarded with the certification statement (one of the following) corresponding with their performance:

a. The trainees has proven the basic knowledge and skills of Illustrate underpinning information and context for M-IEDD operations and summarize the relevant principles to apply and best practice in executing M-IEDD operations.

b. The trainees has proven the basic knowledge and the basic knowledge and skills of Illustrate underpinning information and context for M-IEDD operations and summarize the relevant principles to apply and best practice in executing M-IEDD operations.

c. The trainee has failed to prove the basic knowledge and the basic knowledge and skills of Illustrate underpinning information and context for M-IEDD operations and

summarize the relevant principles to apply and best practice in executing M-IEDD operations.

8. The tuition fee of the course is **1000 €** per person. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

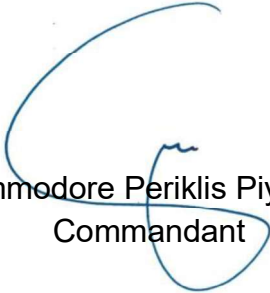
9. The course will start on **Monday, 09 Mar and will end on Friday, 13 Mar 2026**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **not later than (NLT) Friday 30 Jan 2026**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register **NLT Friday 28 Nov 2025**, 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://e-prime.org>.

12. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

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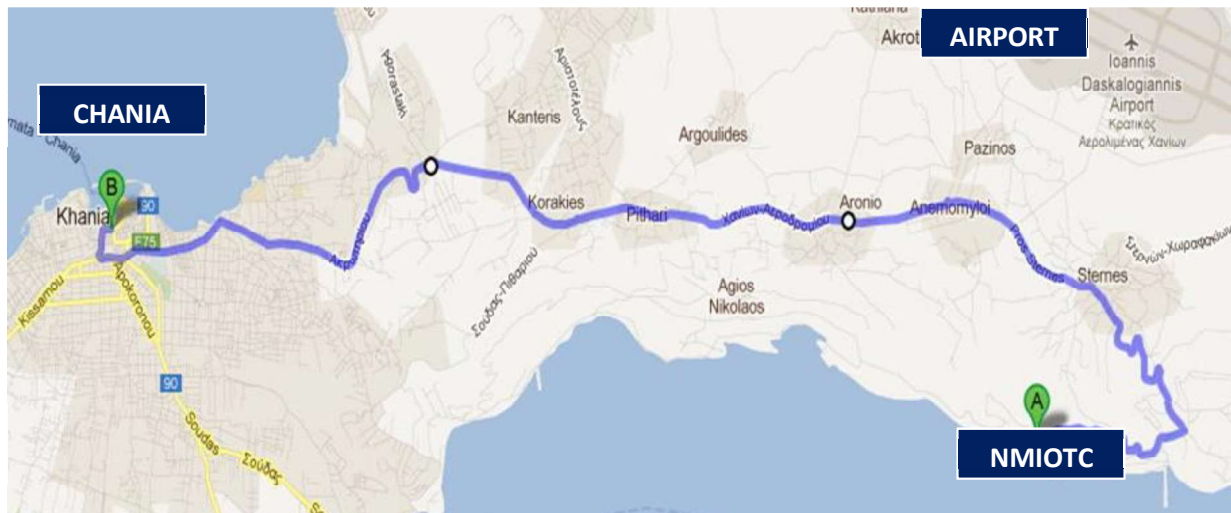
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ENCLOSURE:

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) (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/Actions/Registration>. 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@nmioct.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. It is the individual's responsibility to apply for and obtain visa as well as 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 mitsoulie@nmiotc.nato.int and petroulakiz@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: mitsoulie@nmiotc.nato.int and petroulakiz@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. 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: 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 (promotional code “NMIOTC” via hotel’s online booking platform) 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.samariahotel.gr (promotional code “NMIOTC” via hotel’s online booking platform)”)
E-mail: reservations@samariahotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

PORTO VENEZIANO 3* hotel www.portoveneziano.gr.
E-mail: hotel@portoveneziano.gr Tel: +30 28210 27100.

ARKADI 3* hotel (promotional code “NMIOTC” via hotel’s online booking platform) 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

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: www.e-ktel.com/en/services/dromologia
- b. By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24/7, approx. 35,00€

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

10. 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 recommended 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.

12. Social events: An Ice breaker will take place at a location/date/hour to be announced on the first day of Course.

13. Dress Code: Trainees are strongly recommended to wear Daily Service/ Battle Dress Uniforms or National Equivalent for the whole training as well as for the Graduation Ceremony. It is strongly advised to bring your own tactical equipment and tools for the practical training.