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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 31000 “Harbour Protection and its relation to MIO”, (MOP-MO-37028) 31 Mar – 04 Apr 2025**

DATE: 23 Dec 2024

REFERENCES: NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2025

1. NMIOTC together with the CSW COE developed the new Course “Harbour Protection and its relation to MIO” in order to counter this capability shortfall in the field of Harbour Protection (HP) as well as to enhance its importance and visibility in NATO. Following the successful pilot iteration in 2024, NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO members and Partner nations to participate in the subject course, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Greece, from 31 Mar to 04 Apr 2025.

2. The aim of this course is to provide NATO and national military personnel with extensive knowledge and skills to effectively conduct HP duties and functions to improve NATO’s HP performance by exploiting the full potential of HP capabilities. To educate and train students in NATO practices and procedures regarding operational and tactical dimensions of planning and conducting an HP Operation (HPO). Furthermore, this Course encompasses a **Multi Domain Operations** approach, as HP requires orchestration of military HP activities across all operational domains, in collaboration with other instruments of power, stakeholders and actors.

3. The target audience is Officers from OF-1 to OF-4 and Petty Officers and NCOS from OR-5 to OR-9 involved or potentially involved in planning processes or executing phases HP-Operations. Officers, Petty Officers and NCOS involved in Force Protection are encouraged to attend this course to extend their knowledge/awareness on this peculiarities of harbours and port facilities.

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 31000 includes the following modules:

- a. 31010 Introduction (Development/Status of HP-capability in NATO)
- b. 31020 Introduction to ATP-94
- c. 31030 HP relationship to MIO
- d. 31040 HP relationship to MDO
- e. 31050 Planning considerations
- f. 31060 Preconditions for a HPO
- g. 31070 Necessary capabilities for HPO
- h. 31080 Necessary organizations for HPO
- i. 31090 HPO Process
- j. 31100 Practical Execution
- k. 31110 Develop 2nd OTHP and prepare Presentation
- l. 31120 Present result of Syndicate Work to Auditorium
- m. 31130 Identify and present IERs

7. The tuition fee for the course is **740 €** per trainee. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

8. Students will have to complete ADL432 before arrival. (To access this course you need to log-in in NATO JADL, hence your registration in JADL is precondition).

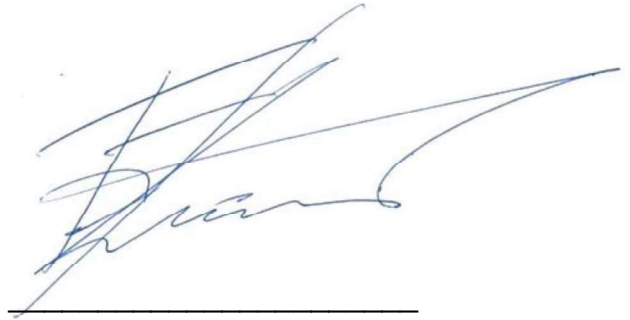
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9. The course will start on **Monday, 31 Mar and will end on Friday, 04 Apr 2025**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 15:00. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Monday 23 February 2025**. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site <https://nmiotc.nato.int/>.

11. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

- a. **Course Director**: SCPO Holger Wahl DEU(N)  
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**ENCLOSURE:**

1. Administrative Instructions

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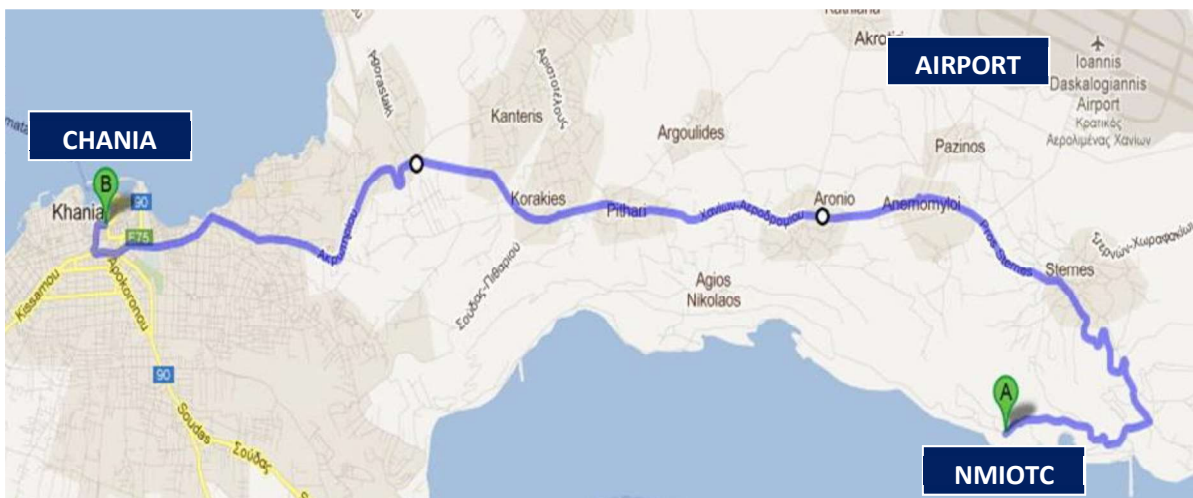
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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

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@nmiotc.nato.int](mailto: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](http://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:**

<b>A. BEFORE THE MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
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 <b><u>2 working days before the start date of the event</u></b> , bank charges are not covered by NMIOTC. The receipt should be sent by email to <a href="mailto:papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int">papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and cc <a href="mailto:lafkasm@nmiotc.nato.int">lafkasm@nmiotc.nato.int</a> .
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 <a href="mailto:papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int">papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and cc <a href="mailto:lafkasm@nmiotc.nato.int">lafkasm@nmiotc.nato.int</a> for receiving the link for the credit/debit card payment
<b>B. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
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 Daily Service / 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](http://www.thechaniahotel.com), E-mail: [info@thechaniahotel.com](mailto:info@thechaniahotel.com) Tel. +30 28210 90002

KYDON 4\* hotel [www.kydonhotel.com](http://www.kydonhotel.com) (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform) E-mail: [info@kydon-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kydon-hotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4\* hotel [www.samariahhotel.gr](http://www.samariahhotel.gr) (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform")  
E-mail: [reservations@samariahhotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahhotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

AKALI 4\* hotel [www.akali-hotel.gr](http://www.akali-hotel.gr). (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform)  
E-mail: [info@akali-hotel.gr](mailto:info@akali-hotel.gr) Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.

ARKADI 3\* hotel [www.arkadi-hotel.gr](http://www.arkadi-hotel.gr)  
E-mail: [info@arkadi-hotel.gr](mailto:info@arkadi-hotel.gr) Tel: (+30) 28210 90181.

PORTO VENEZIANO 5\* hotel [www.portoveneziano.gr](http://www.portoveneziano.gr).  
E-mail: [hotel@portoveneziano.gr](mailto:hotel@portoveneziano.gr) Tel: +30 28210 27100.

KRITI 3\* hotel, [www.kriti-hotel.gr](http://www.kriti-hotel.gr) , E-mail: [info@kriti-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kriti-hotel.gr), Tel. +302821051881

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

**10. Transportation:** Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from Chania city center pick-up points (Akali, Samaria (Arkadi and the Chania Hotel are 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.

**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 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.

**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.