



**NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION  
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE  
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 7000 “MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT TO COUNTER PIRACY & ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA OPERATIONS” (ETOC MOP-MO-31210), 06 July - 10 July 2026**

DATE: 09 Jan 2026

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 Nations, Partner Nations and Non-NATO Entities (NNEs) to participate in this training, which will take place at NMIOTC premises, in Marathi-Souda Bay, Chania, GREECE, from 06<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026.
2. The aim of the course is to provide a comprehensive training package that includes theoretical and practical aspects in the field of counter piracy & armed robbery at sea operations. The desired outcome is for the participants to develop an understanding of all the relevant issues concerning piracy and armed robbery at sea and receive practical training on counter piracy tactics and techniques.
3. The target audience is Officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-3 (Staff Planners, Command Team members) and Petty Officers (CPO, PO) / Enlisted personnel (Boarding Team Leaders / Members), as well as equivalent civilian personnel. Military Agencies, Law Enforcement Agencies (Coast Guard, Port Police etc.) and other Governmental / International agencies and organizations are also eligible 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) (2009 STANAG 6001, Edition 3).

5. The course is marked as "NATO Unclassified / Releasable to: PFP (except Belarus, Russia), MD, ICI, PatG (except Afghanistan)". NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.

6. The curriculum of Course 7000 will include the following modules:

a. Theoretical:

- (1) Module 7010: Piracy & Armed Robbery at Sea Overview.
- (2) Module 7020: Ongoing Counter-Piracy Operations.
- (3) Module 7030: ROE Implementation & Legal Issues.
- (4) Module 7040: Piracy Characteristics and Modes of Operation.
- (5) Module 7050: Case Studies on Piracy Incidents.
- (6) Module 7060: Lessons Learned from Counter-Piracy Operations.
- (7) Module 7070: Anti-Piracy Measures in Merchant Shipping.
- (8) Module 7075: MIO Related Messages.
- (9) Module 7080: Simulated Counter-Piracy Scenarios.
- (10) Module 7090: NATO Biometrics in MIO.

b. Practical:

- (1) Module 7100: Small Skiff Investigation.
- (2) Module 7200: Pirate Mother Ship VBSS / Hijacked Merchant Vessel Boarding.

**NOTE:** A detailed agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions which will be released in due course.

7. In order to graduate and acquire the relevant certificate, the participants must attend at least 85% of the module classes of the Course.

8. The course will be delivered by NMIOTC SMEs in their respective areas with the support of Subject Matter Experts (SME) on Maritime Security. These SMEs will most likely be provided by IMAF (Institute for Maritime Operations Training - Hamburg, Germany) again.

9. The tuition fee for the course is **700€** per person and includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and inside NMIOTC premises. The course is not subsidized by PD funds. Comprehensive payment instructions and cancellation policy can be found in Enclosure 1

10. The course will start on **Monday, 06 July and will end on Friday, 10 July 2026**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30. Comprehensive administrative instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

11. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register no later than (NLT) **04 Jun 2026**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register NLT **24 Apr 2026**, so that adequate time is provided for NATO approval procedures. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int).

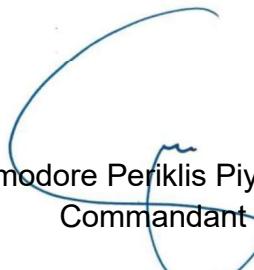
12. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int), in the Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at <https://e-itcp.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCIndex.aspx>.

13. NMIOTC Points of Contact (PoCs):

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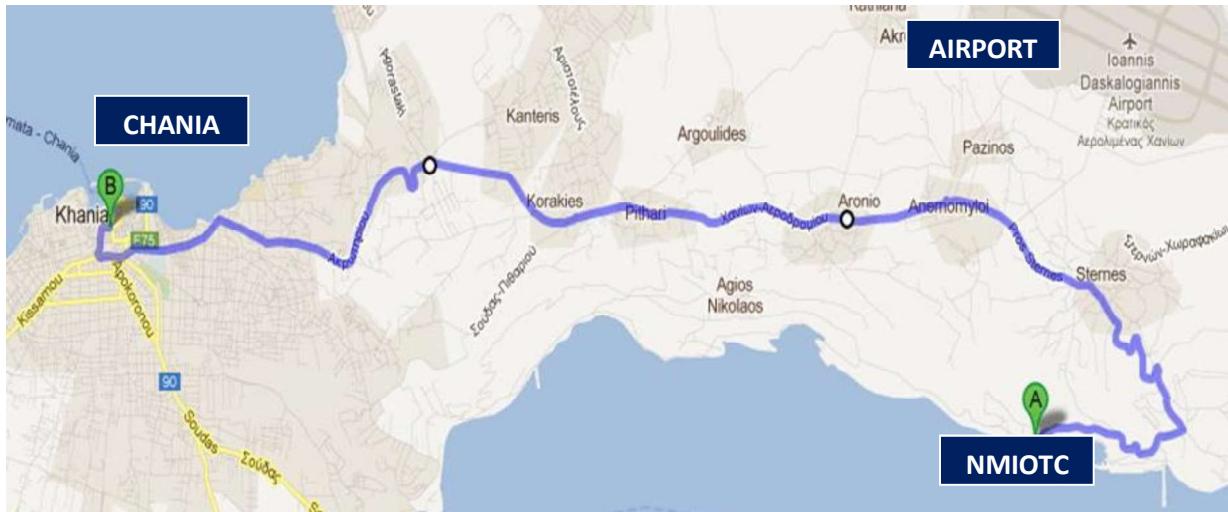
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ENCLOSURE:

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:** 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:** The participants or their national authorities are responsible for visa arrangements. The participants are advised to contact the proper diplomatic authorities 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](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:**

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 <a href="mailto:papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int">papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and Cc <a href="mailto:mitsoulie@nmiotc.nato.int">mitsoulie@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and <a href="mailto:petroulakiz@nmiotc.nato.int">petroulakiz@nmiotc.nato.int</a>
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 course 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 from NMIOTC that your course has been placed on the NMIOTC calendar, our cancellation fees apply as follows:

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

**6. Dress Code:** The 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.

**7. Meals:** A small canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building and provides snacks for a nominal cost. The 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 center 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 5\* hotel [www.thechaniahotel.com](http://www.thechaniahotel.com) (voucher code “NMIOTC” via hotel's online booking platform)  
E-mail: [info@thechaniahotel.com](mailto:info@thechaniahotel.com) Tel: (+30) 28210 90002.  
The hotel offers a discount of 20% for car rentier at [www.letsdrive.gr](http://www.letsdrive.gr)

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

KYDON 4\* hotel [www.kydon-hotel.com](http://www.kydon-hotel.com) (voucher 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.samariahotel.gr](http://www.samariahotel.gr) (promotional code “NMIOTC” via hotel's online booking platform) E-mail: [reservations@samariahotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

ARKADI 3\* hotel [www.arkadi-hotel.gr](http://www.arkadi-hotel.gr) (voucher code “NMIOTC” via hotel's online booking platform). E-mail: [info@arkadi-hotel.gr](mailto:info@arkadi-hotel.gr) Tel: (+30) 28210 90181.

The hotel offers a discount of 20% for car rentier at [www.letsdrive.gr](http://www.letsdrive.gr)

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

PORTO VENEZIANO 3\* hotel [www.portoveneziano.gr](http://www.portoveneziano.gr).  
E-mail: [hotel@portoveneziano.gr](mailto:hotel@portoveneziano.gr) Tel: +30 28210 27100.

**NOTE:** The accommodation for PD subsidized trainees will be arranged by NMIOTC. Further details will be provided in the Joining Instructions.

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 centre 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 centre pick-up points (Akali, Samaria (Arkadi 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.

11. **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.

12. **Security:** NMIOTC adheres to the NATO security standards. There is a strict access control procedure for the entrance into the Marathi main gate and the NMIOTC main building. You are 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.