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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 32000 “MIO in Maritime Oil and Gas Assets” (MOP-MO- 37035), 9 – 13 Nov 2026**

DATE: 15 May 2026

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

1. In accordance with the NPOW 2026, NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO and NATO Partners, to participate in the Course 32000 which will take place at the Centre in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 9 - 13 Nov 26.
2. The aim of this Course is to train security and MIO planners in order to be able to understand and assess security threats to offshore oil and gas assets and to support the effective planning of MIO, considering operational, technical and safety characteristics of oil and gas assets while applying advanced security assessment methodologies.
3. The target audience is NATO Nations' and Partners' personnel functioning as Staff Officers / operational planners, MIO team leaders from tactical, operational NCS/NFS HQs, individual NATO Naval Forces, members of NATO/ Allied Response Force (NRF / ARF). Personnel from Joint Commands and other related agencies (Coast Guard, Port Police, etc.), education and training facilities and equivalent civilian personnel from relevant government/agencies involved in Maritime Security Operations 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) (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 includes the following theoretical and practical learning objectives:

Course 32000

- a. Module 32010 - The upstream offshore oil and gas sector
- b. Module 32020 - Safety and security issues for oil and gas offshore operations and maritime assets
- c. Module 32030 - Key legal aspects and concerns in offshore oil and gas related Ops
- d. Module 32040 - Planning in MIO/VBSS operations on maritime oil and gas assets
- e. Module 32050 - Conduct of MIO/VBSS operations on maritime oil and gas assets for various scenarios

NOTE: A detailed agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions letter, which will be released two weeks before the course start date.

7. In order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate, the participants must attend at least 85% in order to be considered as “successful attendees”. Failure to follow at least 85% of the course will prevent a participant from acquiring the relevant certificate.

8. The course will be delivered by NMIOTC Instructors with the support of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from other NATO, National entities and the Private sector.

9. The tuition fee for the Course 32000 is **550 Euro per person** and includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and inside NMIOTC premises. The course is not subsidized by PD funds.

10. The course will start on **Monday, 9 November 2026 and will end on Friday, 13 November 2026**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30, including time for a lunch/snack break. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

11. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Friday 9 October 2026**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities must submit their applications **NLT Monday 13 July 2026**, so that adequate time is provided for NATO approval procedures. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site <https://nmiotc.nato.int/>.

12. Course 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>.

13. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

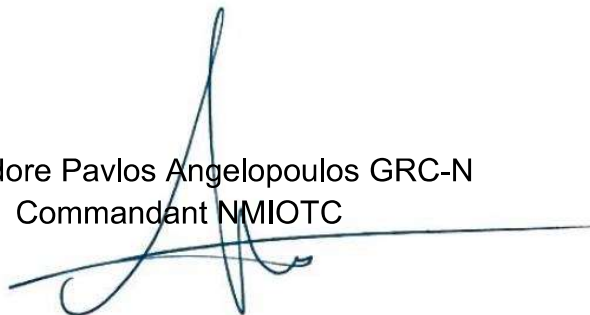
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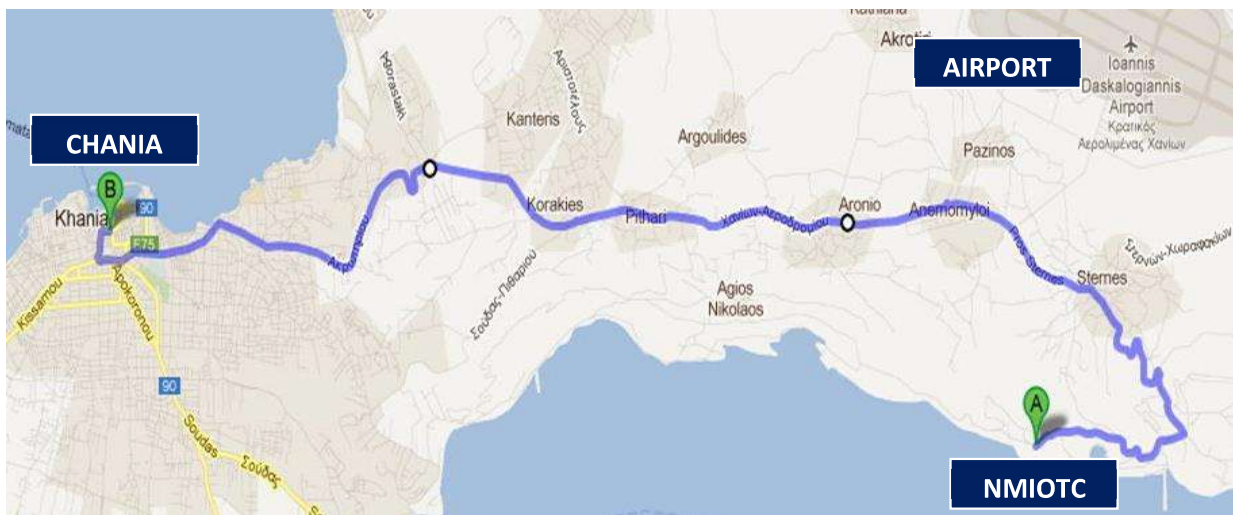
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ENCLOSURE:

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) (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 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) 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 2 <u>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 .
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 . 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 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. 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, including breakfast and internet connection, is as follows:

- THE CHANIA HOTEL 5* hotel (booking via e-mail: info@thechaniahotel.com with reference to NMIOTC). Tel. +30 28210 90002). The hotel offers a 20% discount for car rental at letsdrive.gr.
- HILTON Garden Inn 5* (Booking via email: reservations@hgichania.com & Dionysis.makastaridis@hilton.com with reference to NMIOTC).
- KYDON 4* hotel, 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, samariahotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform). E-mail: reservations@samariahotel.gr Tel.: [\(+30\) 28210 38600](tel:+302821038600).
- AKALI 4* hotel, akali-hotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform or via e-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr with reference to NMIOTC). Tel: [\(+30\) 28210 92872](tel:+302821092872).
- ARKADI 3* hotel arkadi-hotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform. Email info@arkadi-hotel.gr, tel: [\(+30\) 28210 90181](tel:+302821090181). The hotel offers a 20% discount for car rentier at letsdrive.gr.
- KRITI 3* hotel, kriti-hotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC26" via hotel's online booking platform or via e-mail: info@kriti-hotel.gr, with reference to NMIOTC). Tel. +30 28210 51881.
- PORTO VENEZIANO 3* hotel, portoveneziano.gr (booking via e-mail: hotel@portoveneziano.gr, with reference to NMIOTC), 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€

10. **Transportation:** Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from Chania city center 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 advised to have appropriate medical insurance.

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”.