NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
NMIOTC
SOUDA BAY
73200 CHANIA
GREECE

5000 NSC-45/Ser.: NU: 144

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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 29000 "DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CBRN MATERIALS) IN MARITIME INTERDICTION, ETOC WMD-MD-35660", 12 – 16 APRIL 2027**

DATE: 26 October 2026

REFERENCES: NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2027

1. In accordance with the NPOW 2027, NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO Allies and partners, to participate in Course 29000, which is scheduled to take place at the Centre, in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 12 to 16 April 2027.

2. The aim of the course is to educate and train students in NATO practices and procedures regarding tactical dimensions of WMD in Maritime Interdiction Operations.

3. The target audience is officers from OF-1 to OF-4 and NCOs from 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 govermental agencies, are also encouraged to participate.

4. The course is conducted in English. Language proficiency: Students must have language proficiency in Engish SLP 3.2.3.2. in accordance with STANAG 6001:

- Listening Level 3 (Professional)
- Speaking Level 2 (Functional)
- Reading Level 3 (Professional)
- Writing Level 2 (Functional)

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 includes the following theoretical and practical 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 programme will be included in the Joining Instructions, which will be released two weeks before the course start date.

7. Requirements for course completion and certification:

a. Attendance: Minimum of 85% of all modules.

b. Evaluation: Practical skill accessment via drills and scenarios led by NMIOTC SMEs and US Defence Threat Reduction Agency instructors.

8. The tuition fee for Course is 800€ and includes transportation to/from the designated hotels and daily lunch boxes. The course is not subsidized by PD funds.

9. The course runs from Monday, 12 April to Friday, 16 April 2027 daily from 08:30 to 14:30 (includes a lunch/snack break). Please refer to Enclosure 1 for comprehensive administrative instructions.

10. Candidates are kindly requested to register no later than (NLT) Friday, 12 March 2027. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site: www.nmiotc.nato.int .

11. Course details can be found on the NMIOTC web site www.nmiotc.nato.int, in the Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at https://e-itep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx.

12. **NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):**

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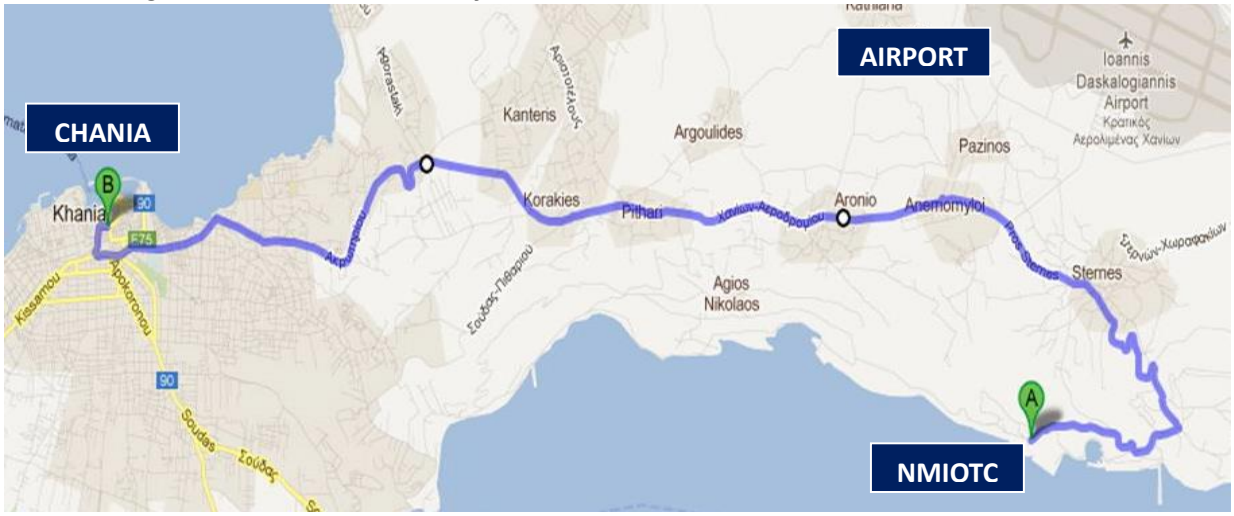
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

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 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 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:**

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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 working days before the start date of the event**, 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: 25% of student tuition due.
b. 14 to 1 days prior to course start date: 50% of student tuition due.

6. **Dress Code:** The 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 and provides snacks for a nominal cost. Lunch boxes will be provided to the participants by NMIOTC.

Specified information will be released in Joining Instructions, two weeks before the course start date.

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")**,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
The hotel offers a discount of 20% for car rentier at www.letsdrive.gr

-HILTON Garden Inn 5* (Booking via email: reservations@hgichania.com & Dionysis.makastaridis@hilton.com with reference to NMIOTC).

-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.

-ARKADI 3* hotel www.arkadi-hotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform)
E-mail: info@arkadi-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 90181. The hotel offers a discount of 20% for car rentier at www.letsdrive.gr

-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.

-CHRISPY CITY LIVING 3* hotel www.chrispycityliving.gr
E-mail: res.cityliving@chrispy.gr Tel: +302821070007

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

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 (Hilton Garden Inn, Arkadi, The Chania and Chrispy City Living, 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:** NMIOTC paramedic and the local Naval Hospital provide first aid and emergency medical support. All further medical expenses are to be borne by the trainees and/or their insurance agencies. Participants are advised to have appropriate medical insurance, while those being citizens of the EU in particular are requested to have a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

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 / Releasable to: PfP (except Belarus and Russia), MD, ICI, PatG (except Afghanistan)” Therefore, all participants are required to show the respective Security Cearance Certificate during the in-Processing.