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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 10000 "MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF COUNTERING ILLICIT TRAFFICKING AT SEA" (ETOC MOP-MO-32012), 01 - 05 March 2027**

DATE: 06 Oct 2026

REFERENCE: 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 10000 "Maritime Interdiction Operations in Support of Countering Illicit Trafficking at Sea" which is scheduled to take place at the Centre, in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece from 01 to 05 March 2027.

2. The aim of the course is to provide theoretical, operational and practical training to MIO forces and law enforcement personnel on countering illicit trafficking at sea, prior to deployment in maritime operations. After the completion of the course students will be able to:

a. Engage effectively in Maritime Interdiction Operations in support of countering illicit trafficking at sea;
b. Define human trafficking /smuggling;
c. Evaluate the case of a crime scene, through photographic documentation and evidence collection;
d. Introduce and use the SEEK II and Ares Javellin+ biometric collection devices and apply correct procedures for collection of flat and rolled fingerprints;
e. Analyse suspect and boarding vessel's crew behaviour;

3. The target audience is Officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-3 and Petty Officers ranging from OR-6 to OR-9, Command and Boarding Team and personnel from related governmental agencies such, as Intelligence and Law enforcement agencies.

4. The course is conducted in English. Students must have language proficiency in English SLP 2222 in accordance with STANAG 6001:

Listening Level 2 Functional
Speaking Level 2 Functional
Reading Level 2 Functional
Writing Level 2 Functional

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Releasable for internet transmission

5. This course is marked as “NATO Unclassified/Releasable to PfP (except Russia)/MD/ICI/PatG (except Afghanistan)”.

6. The curriculum of Course 10000 will include the following theoretical and practical modules:

a. Module 10010: Human Trafficking/Smuggling – Case Studies on Human Trafficking/Smuggling.

b. Module 10020: WMD proliferation.

c. Module 10030: MIO lesson learned.

d. Module 10040: Intel support to MIO.

e. Module 10050: Psychological aspects during trafficking operations.

f. Module 10060: Introduction to MIO.

g. Module 10070: Legal Overview.

h. Module 10080: Crime Scene investigation/Evidence collection.

I. Module 10090: RHIB Insertion.

j. Module 10100: Gender Awareness.

k. Module 10110: Crew Control/Suspect Crew Handling.

i. Module 10120: Tactical Sweep.

m. Module 10130: Biometrics Collection with SEEK II / Ares Javellin Devices.

NOTE: A detailed agenda 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**: Assessment of trainee performance will be accomplished during the practical training. The trainees will demonstrate skills during practical drills and scenarios and will be assessed by NMIOTC Sea Trainers.

8. The tuition fee for Course 10000 is **800,00€** and includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and inside NMIOTC premises. The course is not subsidized by PD funds.

9. The course runs from **Monday, 01 till 05 March 2027,** daily 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) Friday 29 January 2027**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities (NNEs) not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register **NLT Monday 07 December 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.

11. NMIOTC Point of Contacts (POCs):

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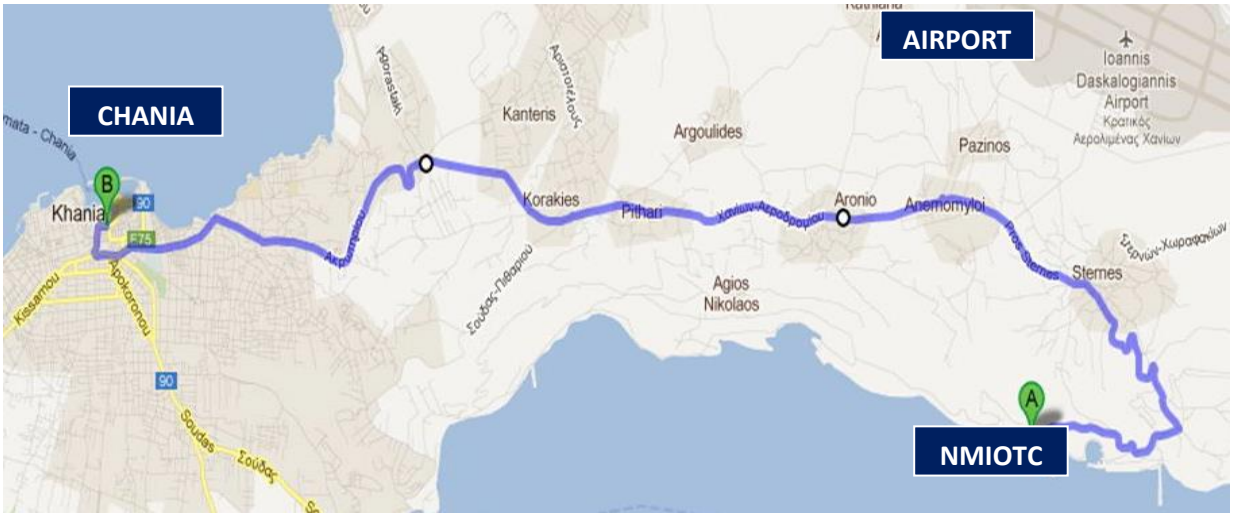
Commodore Pavlos Angelopoulos GRC-N
Commandant

ENCLOSURES:

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 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 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:** Daily Service/ Battle Dress Uniforms or National Equivalent.

7. **Meals**: A small canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building and provides snacks for a nominal cost.

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 (for participants who book directly with each hotel by e-mail using the code **"NMIOTC**, 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.

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.

ARKADI 3* hotel arkadi-hotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform. Email info@arkadi-hotel.gr, tel: (+30) 28210 90181. 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 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 (Arkadi, The Chania & Hilton) 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. All 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. Trainees are required to provide their passport or national identification during in-processing and whenever they enter the premises. The overall security classification of presentations/discussions is up to NATO Unclassified / Releasable to: Releasable to PfP (except Belarus and Russia), MD, ICI, PatG (except Afghanistan)