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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 2000 “BOARDING TEAM THEORETICAL ISSUES” (ACT 686.27), 08 – 10 Feb 2027, AND COURSE 3000 “BOARDING TEAM PRACTICAL ISSUES” (ACT 687.32), 11 – 19 Feb 2027**

DATE: 22 Sep 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 the “NATO Approved” Combined Course 2000 - 3000 which are scheduled to take place at the Centre, in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 08 to 19 Feb 2027.
2. The aim of these courses is to train Boarding Team (BT) personnel to safely and to efficiently apply NATO doctrines and procedures in Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO). The desired outcome is that the participants develop an understanding of the relevant theoretical and practical aspects pertaining to BTs in MIO.
3. Officers OF-1 to OF-4 (staff planners, command team members), or petty officers / enlisted personnel (CPO, PO; Boarding Team Leaders/Members) and equivalent civilian personnel at the tactical or operational level in NATO partner Nations are eligible to participate.
4. The courses 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 courses are marked as “NATO Unclassified / Releasable to: PfP (except Belarus, Russia and China), MD, ICI, PatG (except Afghanistan)”. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.
6. The curriculum of Courses 2000 and 3000 includes the following theoretical and practical modules:

a. **Course 2000**

- a. Module 2010 – Boarding Mission Requirements
- b. Module 2020 – Inspection / Detection Techniques
- c. Module 2030 – INTEL Gathering on MIO Targets
- d. Module 2040 – Tactical MIO Planning
- e. Module 2050 – Boarding Team Psychology
- f. Module 2060 – Suspect Vessel's Crew Psychology
- g. Module 2070 – NATO Biometrics in MIO
- h. Module 2080 – Biometrics Collection with SEEK II Device

b. **Course 3000**

- (1) Module 3010 – Container Inspection
- (2) Module 3020 – Small Arms Training
- (3) Module 3030 – Tactical Sweep
- (4) Module 3040 – Crew Control/Suspect Crew Handling
- (5) Module 3060 – RHIB Insertion
- (6) Module 3070 – Heliborne Insertion (using Fast Rope tower)
- (7) Module 3080 – Boarding Under Multiple Threats
- (8) Module 3090 – Combat Medical Care in MIO

NOTE: A detailed agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions 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% of the modules. (Evaluation of trainee's performance will take place 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 2000 is **450 €** per person and Course 3000 is **800 €** per person. In total, the combined cost of the training is **1,250 €** per person and includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and for NMIOTC premises and an Ice Breaker Event.

9. The course will start **on Monday, 08 and will end on Friday, 19 February 2027**, with daily training periods from 08:30 to 15:00, including time for a lunch/snack break. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. Candidates are kindly requested to register on NMIOTC's official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int **no later than (NLT) Friday 08 January 2027**. Due to the high demand for this training, prospective attendees are requested to refrain from making travel arrangements until participation is confirmed by NMIOTC. All efforts will be made to ensure a diverse representation of participating nations.

NOTE: Partner Nations (Partnership for Peace (PfP), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD), Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI), Partners across the Globe (PatG) frameworks or 7NNN nations), eligible for NATO PD subsidization program should submit the financial assistance request form (FARF) (Enclosure 2) to NATO PD SAP manager SHAPEPDSAPManager@shape.nato.int and follow the procedures described in Enclosure 1, paragraph 2.

11. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int, in the education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at <https://etep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx>.

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

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ENCLOSURES:

1. Administrative Instructions
2. Financial Assistance/ Reimbursement Request form (FARF, FRRF)

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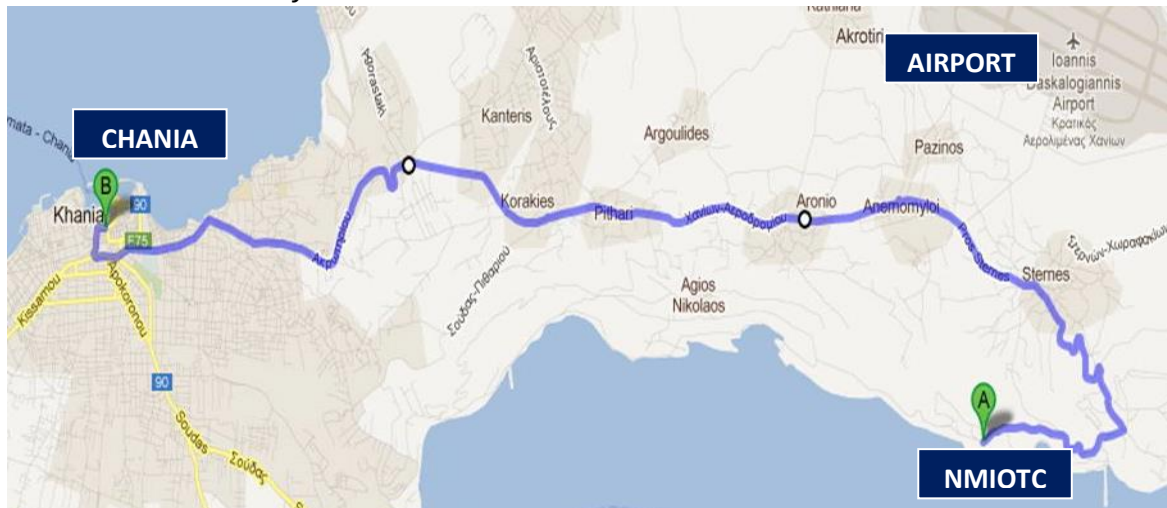
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

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 registrations 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@nmotc.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 <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 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:** Daily Service/Battle Dress Uniforms or National Equivalent.

7. **Meals:** A small canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building and provides snack 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, included 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:2821038600).
- 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:2821092872).
- 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:2821090181). 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.

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 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€

c. If participants subsidized by the PD Program require airport transportation, they must notify the Admin office (email: studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int, tel: +30 28210 85710) of their flight details at least 5 days prior to the course starting date. In case of significant flight delays or changes, they **must contact their hotel directly, which is managing transportation.**

10. **Transportation:** Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from Chania city centre pick-up points [(Akali, Samaria (Arkadi, Hiltons', The Chania, 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/Releasable to PfP (except Belarus-Russia)/MD/ICI/PatG (Except Afghanistan)".

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM

(To be attached by the PfP/MD/PatG Partner Nation to the official participation request)

ACTIVITY IDENTIFICATIONⁱ

Activity (Event):	Reference number:
Date:	Location:

PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION Partner Nation:	Rank/Service:
Family name:	First Name:
ID/Number:	Tel/Number:
Email:	Official address:

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE

Travel:	Tuition fee:
Accommodation:	Other:
Meals:	TOTAL:

BANK IDENTIFICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENTⁱⁱ (in capital letters)

Beneficiary ⁱⁱⁱ	
Currency requested	
Name of Bank	
Name of Agency	
SWIFT code ^{iv}	
IBAN code	
Account number ^v	

PARTNER NATION AUTHORISATION

Date:	Name:	Signature & Stamps:
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FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM

(To be attached by the PfP/MD/PatG Partner Nation to the official request for reimbursement)

ACTIVITY IDENTIFICATION^{vi}

Activity (Event):	Reference number:
Date:	Location:

PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION Partner Nation:	Rank/Service:
Family name:	First Name:
ID/Number:	Tel/Number:
Email:	Official address:

BANK IDENTIFICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Beneficiary	
Bank Name	
Account Number (IBAN)	
SWIFT Code	
Currency for Payment	

EXPENDITURE

Travel:	Tuition fee:
Accommodation:	Other:
Meals:	TOTAL:

NATION AUTHORISATION

Date:	Name:	Signature & Stamps:

ⁱ As it is in e-PRIME

ⁱⁱ **Unless each cell is completed, we are not able to remit the reimbursement**

ⁱⁱⁱ Official name of the bank account holder

^{iv} If IBAN code **is provided**, this cell can be empty

^v If IBAN code **is NOT provided**, indicate the bank account number in this cell

^{vi} As it is in e-PRIME.