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SUBJECT: 15th ANNIVERSARY NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024 – INITIAL CALLING NOTICE

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1. Introduction: NMIOTC has the pleasure to announce its 15th Annual Conference, which will take place in its premises, Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, from **Tuesday 4th to Wednesday 5th of June 2024.**

2. The event will be organized on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of the Annual Conferences series and the theme will be: ***“Risks and Challenges in a Dynamic Maritime Domain; Strategy Adaptations, Technology Innovations and the Operational Landscape of the Future”.***

3. **Aim:** The upcoming 15th NMIOTC Annual Conference 2024 aims at providing opportunities for discussions and exchange of ideas, among the international community of interest, on emerging Risks and Challenges in the Maritime Domain that require strategic and technological adaptations. Security risks, environmental degradation, climate change, technological innovations, and economic competition are all key areas of concern that can affect the theatre of operations. To address these challenges, Nations must continue to invest foster international cooperation and develop new strategies to enhance their Maritime capabilities.

4. The conference will focus on the following (non – exclusive) sub-topics:
- *Current and emerging threats (regional geopolitical perspectives)*
 - *Climate change and its impact on maritime operations*
 - *The new era of digital transformation*
 - *Defence Against Terrorism and trans-national crimes. Possible future scenarios and mitigations*
 - *Maritime Domain considerations and challenges during Multi-Domain Operations (MDO)*
 - *Critical Maritime Infrastructure (CMI) Protection*
 - *Maritime Situation Awareness (MSA) and Understanding*

5. **Call for papers:** Interested speakers should submit an abstract of their presentation by **1st of March 2024**. A short Curriculum Vitae and a brief overview of the organization, institution or company that they represent is also required. Abstract should be no longer than 250 words and clearly indicate the provisional title, the authors and a synthesis of the content of the presentation. Subsequent to the Conference, speakers will have the opportunity to submit an article, that may be considered for publication in the NMIOTC’s annual Journal. Provisional acceptance of

papers will be made on the basis of the abstract and final acceptance will be given after consideration of the draft papers.

6. **Specific details:**

- First Announcement and Call for Papers: 6th November 2023
- Abstract to be submitted by 1st March 2024
- Authors advised of acceptance by 25th March 2024
- Final Papers to be submitted by 17th May 2024
- Conference execution 4th – 5th June 2024

7. **Schedule:** The Conference will be held over two days, from Tuesday 4th to Wednesday 5th of June 2024. It is advised to consider Monday 3rd of June (or earlier) and Thursday 6th of June (or later) as travel days. The provisional schedule of the Conference along with more detailed information will be issued in due course and will be regularly updated on NMIOTC's web page at [Annual Conference | NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Centre](#). The anniversary reception will be held at SAPEL Hall (www.sapel.gr) on the evening of the 4th of June.

8. **Participants:** Registration is open to all interested participants. Speakers from Military Organizations, Law Enforcement Agencies, Academia, Judiciary and Ministerial Authorities, Private Sector and Defence Industry can present their views on the topics, while the audience will be comprised of military and civilian personnel involved or interested in the theme. We anticipate for participation from NATO, Partner Nations, International Organizations, Non – Governmental Organizations, non – NATO countries and the broader Maritime Community of Interest, as well. The ideally diverse audience should represent Academia, Armed Forces, Law Enforcement agencies/experts, and representatives from Ministries of Defence, Interior and Foreign Affairs, specialized magistrates and officials from the relevant organizations. Please feel free to disseminate this invitation/calling notice to persons that you deem relevant and interested to attend.

9. Further information about registration process and logistic details will be disseminated separately in due time.

10. **Classification:** The conference has no classification marking and all contents will be releasable to public. The conference will be held under the “**Chatham House Rule**”.

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12. Thanking you in advance for your support to the 15th NMIOTC Annual Conference 2024, I look forward to an interesting and productive event, and to welcoming you to the picturesque and historical city of Chania, Crete, Greece, to celebrate our 15th Anniversary.



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