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SUBJECT: **6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NMIOTC CONFERENCE 2015 –  
INITIAL CALLING NOTICE**

DATE: 31 October 2014

REFERENCE: NMIOTC 3000 NSC-70/NU: 84, dated 01 Sep 2014 (5<sup>th</sup> Annual NMIOTC Conference Report).

1. Introduction: Following the successful event held in June 2014 as per the reference, NMIOTC announces its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, which will take place at its premises, in Souda Bay Crete, Greece, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2015.

2. Theme:

***“Current and future challenges to Energy Security in the Maritime Environment”***

3. Aim: The upcoming 2015 NMIOTC Conference aims to provide opportunities to deepen and discuss issues related to the complexity of ensuring the safety and protection of Critical Energy Infrastructures in the Maritime Domain, and proposals for the development of new and updated procedures and dedicated training related to this emerging security challenge.

4. The Conference will be focused on, but not limited to, the following topics:

a. Operational perspective

- Challenges to Law Enforcement / Maritime forces related to the protection of critical energy infrastructures
- Key players at the global level and how they correlate with each other (NATO, EU, Multinational Task forces, CMF, National forces, etc.)
- Requirements / Key tasks of the Law Enforcement / Maritime forces
- Framework / Types of offshore security threats
- Cyber threats and responses
- Challenges faced on a military level; lessons identified and level of ambition
- Most recent developments, strategic initiatives, tendencies recognized
- New tactics, new ways of exploitation of naval power, use of naval forces within areas of merchant activity and along SLOCs
- Way ahead, forecast for the immediate and near future at the strategic, operational and tactical levels

b. Commercial perspective

- Complexity of establishing and exploiting means for secure production and delivery of energy
- Global community (society, industry, shipping community, law enforcement agencies, international organizations and bodies, etc.)
- Recorded and proven needs of society regarding enhanced security in the maritime domain at the political-strategic level
- Initiatives taken to date by non-military organizations
- Changing global and regional patterns of energy consumption, exports and trade
- Coast guard perspective
- Private sector involvement (birth of a new player, initial steps, recent developments, relations with shipping industry, tendencies, challenges, way ahead)
- Shipping community (owner's perspective, seafarers' perspective, impact of the new security environment, proposals for improved interaction with relevant international organizations and agencies)
- Technology (use of new systems in protection of ports, coastal areas, ships, high value assets, etc.; integration of technology developments in maritime security plans)
- Enhanced synergy among stakeholders towards common International Practices

c. Legal Perspective

- Sovereign rights for exploitation of natural resources / limits of maritime zones
- Jurisdiction of coastal states, status of artificial islands, off-shore platforms and coastal plants
- Use of force regarding the protection of Energy Installations / Law Enforcement vs. Article 2(4) UN Charter / Law Enforcement vs armed conflict
- Legal issues pertaining to the use of Non Lethal Weapons
- Employment of Naval Forces in relation to National / International Legal Authorities

5. Call for papers. Papers are welcome on the topics of the conference. Interested speakers should submit an abstract of their paper by the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2015. Subsequent to the conference, selected papers may be considered for publication in the Maritime Interdiction Operations Journal, an official publication of NMIOTC. Authors of such papers will be given the opportunity to update their papers before publication in the Journal. Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words and clearly indicate the provisional title, the authors, and a synthesis of the content of the paper. Provisional acceptance of papers will be made on the basis of the abstract and final acceptance will be given after consideration of the draft paper.

6. Specific details.  
First Announcement and Call for Papers: 31 Oct 2014  
Abstract to be submitted by: 20 March 2015  
Authors advised of acceptance by: 10 Apr 2015  
Papers to be submitted by: 4 May 2015  
Conference: 2 – 4 Jun 2015
7. Schedule

The Conference will be held over three days, from Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2015. Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June should be considered as travel days. On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June an excursion to Knossos archaeological site will be organized and offered to those attendees who intend to prolong their stay in Crete. The provisional schedule of the Conference along with more detailed information will be issued in due course and will be regularly updated on the NMIOTC web page at [www.nmiotc.gr](http://www.nmiotc.gr).

8. Participants

Registration is open to all interested participants. Speakers from military organizations and academia will present their views on the topics, while the audience will be comprised of military and civilian personnel involved or interested in maritime security. We expect to have our auditorium full of officers and civilians coming from NATO and EU organizations, NATO and EU countries and Partner Nations representing their navy, coast guard or port police, law enforcement experts, and officials from other relevant organizations and third-party countries. Please feel free to forward this invitation to persons who you deem relevant and interested in attending. All issues presented and discussed during the Conference will not be classified and will be released to the Internet.

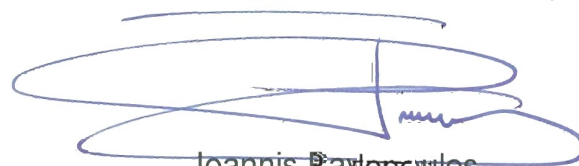
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10. Thanking you in advance for your support to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual NMIOTC Conference, I look forward to an interesting and fruitful event, and to welcoming you to the picturesque and historical city of Chania.



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