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SUBJECT: **NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2014 – CALLING LETTER**

DATE: 21 February 2014

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC 3000 NSC-4/ser.: NU 108, dated 20 Dec 2014
B. NMIOTC NSC-57/NU:059, dated 15 July 2013

1. Introduction. Following ref. A, NMIOTC announces the 5th “**NMIOTC Annual Conference**” which will take place at its premises (Souda Bay – Crete) from 24th to 26th June 2014.

2. Theme. The theme for this year is “**Building a Law Enforcement Culture at sea for a more secure Maritime Environment**” and, with this in mind, the Conference agenda will be developed to take into account relevant preferences, priorities and concerns.

3. Aim of the event. The upcoming 2014 NMIOTC Annual Conference is meant to provide new opportunities for discussion and path forward proposals for the development of a stronger leaning of Maritime Forces towards the complexity of dealing with civilian seafarers in the execution of Maritime Security Operations. Based on the results, specific follow-up actions and areas will be identified which will lead to the development of new concepts and the implementation of new training to face future challenges.

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

a. International Military perspective

- Key players in global level and how they correlate with each other (NATO, EU, Multinational Task forces, CMF, National forces).
- Actions taken so far on military level, level of success until now.
- Challenges faced on 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 on strategic, operational and tactical level.
- Educate Naval forces in dealing with civilian mariners.

b. Global community perspective

- Global community (society, industry, shipping community, law enforcement agencies, international organizations and bodies, etc).
- Recorded and proven needs of society regarding enhanced security in maritime domain on political-strategic level.
- Initiatives taken until now by non-military organizations.
- Coast guard perspective (level of engagement, capabilities, potential for international cooperation, role of local forces in global maritime security).
- Private sector on maritime security (birth of a new player, initial steps, recent developments, relation with shipping industry way ahead, tendencies, challenges).
- Shipping community (owners 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).
- Involve the Shipping Industry to increase awareness of Mariners.
- Enhance synergy among stakeholders towards common International Practices.

c. Legal Perspective

- Investigate legal issues dealing with maritime security.
- Establishment of law enforcement culture on the high seas.
- Protection of the Human Rights of both victims and offenders.
- Relate Naval Forces with National / International Legal Authorities.

5. Call for papers. Papers are invited on the topics of the conference. Prospective authors should submit an abstract of their paper by the 20th of April 14. 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 content of the paper. Provisional acceptance of papers will be made on the basis of the abstract and final acceptance after consideration of the draft paper.

6. Specific details.

First Announcement and Call for Papers : 17 Feb 2014

Abstract to be submitted by 20 Apr 2014

Authors advised of acceptance by 30 Apr 2014

Papers to be submitted by 15 May 2014

Conference 24 - 26 Jun 2014

7. Schedule. The Conference will be conducted over three days, from Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th June 2014. It is advised to use Monday 23rd (or earlier) and Friday 27th June 2014 (or later) as travel days. The projected schedule of the Conference will be updated regularly on the NMIOTC web page at www.nmiotc.gr

Draft agenda as per Enclosure 1. A detailed Agenda, as well as a Spouses Program will be issued by the 7th of June 2014 according to the participation (at least 5 participants).

8. Integration Day. Friday 27th June will be made available as an additional optional day for further discussion and development of the subjects discussed during the Conference in view of the introduction of FFT Paper. All those attendees who will consider it useful or necessary will be welcomed to stay, and participate by notifying NMIOTC personnel in advance.

9. Participants. Participation is open to all interested attendees such as officers and civilians coming from NATO and EU entities, NATO and EU countries and Partner Nations representing their navy, coast guard or port police services, law enforcement experts, officials from other relevant organizations and third party countries. Speakers from military organizations and academia will present their views on the topic, while the audience will be comprised of military and civilian personnel involved or interested in maritime security. Please feel free to forward this invitation to persons that you deem relevant and interested to attend.

10. Attire. The attire for the Conference will be smart casual (jacket & tie) for civilians, while summer service uniform for the military personnel.

11. Registration. Participants are requested to submit a registration application, no later than the 12th of June 2014, by submitting the respective Annual Conference Joining Request Form as per Enclosure 2. A confirmation message will be sent within 5 working days.

12. Lodging and Transportation. Although attendees are responsible for the arrangement of their own accommodation and transportation from / to Airport, NMIOTC can provide guidance if requested. Transportation to / from the NMIOTC premises and specified pick-up points in the city of Chania will be provided during the conference days.

13. Classification. Unclassified, releasable to internet.

14. Conference fee. The Conference fee is 120 € for each attendee to cover conference and administrative expenses and will include coffee breaks and buffet lunches. An additional fee of 50 € for spouses will be required, should they want to participate in the Spouses Program. The respective fee should be paid in cash on the first day of the event and an official receipt will be provided.

15. Social program. NMIOTC will host all participants for an Icebreaker on Monday 23rd and a social dinner on the evening of the Tuesday 24th June 2014. An Excursion to Knossos Archaeological site (optional) will be arranged for the 25th of June and the details of this event will be determined in due time (costs, schedule etc.).

16. Visa Requirements. Participants or their sending authorities are responsible for visa arrangements for their personnel. It is advised that participants contact their national embassies/consulates in Greece or the Greek Military Attachés at the Greek Embassies in their respective capitals for relevant information.

17. **Remarks.** More detailed and updated information will be always available at: www.nmiotc.gr

18. **Points of Contact.** For further information or clarifications please contact:

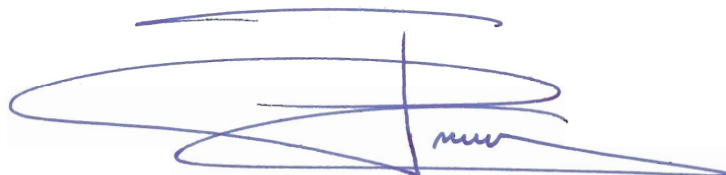
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15. Thank you in advance for your support to the NMIOTC Annual Conference, and I look forward to welcoming you in Crete.



Ioannis Pavlopoulos
Commodore GRC(N)
Commandant NMIOTC

Draft Agenda 24 - 27 Jun 2014

|  | | NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 24-26 JUNE 2014 Theme : "Building a Law Enforcement Culture at sea for a more secure Maritime Environment" Aim: Provide new opportunities for discussion and path forward proposals for the development of a stronger leaning of Maritime Forces towards the complexity of dealing with civilian seafarers in the execution of Maritime Security Operations. | | | | THU 27 JUN |
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| Conference Lead Planner: Cdr Corrado Campana ITA (N) OPR: Lt Cdr Nikolaos Ariatzis GRC (N) | | Security Classification : Unclassified | | THU 26 JUN | THU 27 JUN | |
| MON 23 JUN | TUE 24 JUN | WED 25 JUN | THU 26 JUN | Integration Day | | |
| TRAVEL DAY 19:30-21:00 Hosted IceBreaker | Military Perspective | | Legal Perspective | | Global Community Perspective | |
| | 08:30-08:45 | NMIOTC Commandant Welcome Commodore I. Pavlopoulos GRC (N) | 08:30-10:00 | 1st Session | 08:30-10:00 | 1st Session |
| | 08:45-09:00 | KEYNOTE SPEAKER | 10:00-10:30 | Coffee Break | 10:00-10:30 | Coffee Break |
| | 09:00-09:20 | NMIOTC Command Brief | 10:30-12:00 | 2nd Session | 10:30-12:30 | 2nd Session |
| | 09:20-09:30 | NMIOTC Admin Brief | 12:00-13:00 | Lunch Break | 12:30-14:00 | Lunch Break |
| | 09:30-10:00 | Coffee Break - Group Photo | 13:00 | Excursion To Knossos archeological site (Optional) | 14:00-16:00 | Wrap up - Closing Remarks |
| | 10:00-12:50 | 1st Session | | | | |
| | 12:30-14:00 | Lunch Break | | | | |
| | 14:00-16:00 | 2nd Session | | | | |
| | 19:00-21:00 | Hosted Dinner | | | | |



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NMIOTC Annual Conference Joining Request Form

(PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BELOW PRIOR TO FILLING OUT THE FORM)

PERIOD: 24-27 June 14

REQUESTING HQ / AGENCY INFORMATION

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| Trainee's HQ / Agency | |
| Tel / Fax | |
| E-mail | |

SPEAKER/ATTENDEE'S INFORMATION

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| Last Name (*) | |
| First Name (*) | |
| Middle Initials | |
| Sex (*) | |
| Nationality (*) | |
| Military Rank (Title for Civilians) (*) | |
| Branch/Service (*) | |
| Title of duty position (*) | |
| Organization/HQ where duties are performed | |
| Date of Birth | |
| ID No/Passport No (*) | |
| Nato Security Clearance (*) | |
| Tel (*) | |
| E-mail (*) | |
| Accompanied by (spouse/family...) | |

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TRAVELING INFORMATION

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| Travel Mode to Greece / Crete/NMIOTC (*) | |
| Arrival Date (*) | |
| Departure Date (*) | |
| Accommodation (*) | |
| Rental Car | |

COMMENTS / REMARKS

INSTRUCTIONS

INFORMATION MARKED AS (*) IS MANDATORY.

FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN CAPITAL LETTERS, IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT

NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE_SURENAME_RANK.DOC. AND BE FORWARDED TO :

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2. ariatzisn@nmiotc.grc.nato.int
3. FAX +30 28210 85702 (NCN 4985711) to nmiotc admin officer, Lt Jg Konstantinos Papanastasis GRC(N)

IF INFORMATION ON A FIELD IS NOT APPLICABLE OR NOT YET DETERMINED CAN BE FILLED WITH **N/A** OR **TBD** RESPECTIVELY AND WILL BE DETERMINED LATER.