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SUBJECT: 9th NMIOTC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018 – INITIAL CALLING NOTICE

DATE: 13 October 2017

1. Introduction: NMIOTC has the pleasure to announce its 9th Annual Conference, which will take place in its premises, Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, from the 5th to the 7th June 2018.

2. Theme: “***Fostering Projection of Stability through Maritime Security: Achieving Enhanced Capabilities and Operational Effectiveness***”.

3. Aim: The upcoming 9th NMIOTC Annual Conference 2018, aims at providing opportunities to discuss issues and share perceptions related to the contribution of the international community to improved security and in projecting stability and to path forward proposals and solutions in achieving enhanced Capabilities and Operational Effectiveness.

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

- a. The emerging security challenges in Central and East Mediterranean. Countering terrorism and deterring transnational criminal activity along with illegal migration.
- b. NATO - EU cooperation on issues of common interest. Strengthening and ensuring the coherence and mutual reinforcement of NATO and EU Capability Development efforts.
- c. The developments of MSO Tasks and their implication on capability development and operational effectiveness.
- d. Maritime Security Operations and the latest Technological Developments / Innovations.

5. Call for papers: Papers are invited on the topics of the conference. Interested speakers should submit an abstract of their paper by the 12th of March 2018. Subsequent to the conference, selected papers may be considered for publication in the NMIOTC's Journal. Authors 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 papers.

6. Specific details: First Announcement and Call for Papers: 13 October 2017
Abstract to be submitted by 12 March 2018
Authors advised of acceptance by 25 April 2018
Papers to be submitted by 14 May 2018
Conference 05 - 07 June 2018

7. Schedule: The Conference will be held over three days, from Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th of June 2018. Monday 4th and Friday 8th June should be considered as travel days. On Friday 8th June a cultural tour will be organized and is 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 NMIOTC's web page at www.nmiotc.nato.int.

8. Participants: Registration is open to all interested participants. Speakers from military organizations, academia and industry will present their views on the topic, while the audience will be comprised of military and civilian personnel involved or interested in maritime security. We anticipate for participation from NATO, Partner Nations, International Organization, Non-Governmental Organization, non - NATO countries, and the broader community of interest, as well. The ideally diverse audience should represent armed forces, law enforcement experts, representatives from ministries of defence, interior and foreign affairs, specialized magistrates and officials from the relevant organizations. Please feel free to forward this invitation to persons that you deem relevant and interested to attend.

9. Classification: The conference will be "non classified". All presentations and all contents will be releasable to public.

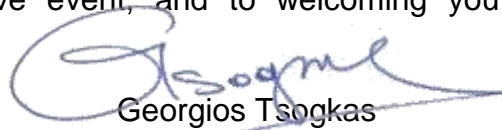
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11. Thanking you in advance for your support to the 9th NMIOTC Annual Conference, I look forward to an interesting and productive event, and to welcoming you to the picturesque and historical city of Chania.


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