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International Senior Course – 6th Course, entitled: **“Senior Course on Defense Studies: International Senior Course in Applied Strategy and Defense Diplomacy”**

I am pleased to extend an invitation to a senior member of your Armed Forces to the International Senior Course on Defense Studies – 6th Course, entitled: **“Senior Course on Defense Studies: International Senior Course in Applied Strategy and Defense Diplomacy”** which will be held in Athens, from the 9th of September 2021 to the 3rd of December 2021, at the National Defense College.

The course, which will be conducted in English, is designed for selected international officers as well as a small number of Hellenic Armed Forces and other public servants. It aims to their preparation in order to be able to cope with the rapidly changing situations of the geostrategic environment and become leaders that stand out for their strategic thinking and critical analysis.

To achieve the aim of the course we have developed a curriculum on already existing knowledge and experience which will enable the students in acquiring the required skills and knowledge through a concentrated and academically rich experience. The students will be exposed to the origins of the Hellenic strategic thinking and examine areas like applied strategy and international relations, geopolitics, current political affairs, issues of Defense Diplomacy and the National and International Instruments of Power, in order to increase their understanding of the International System.

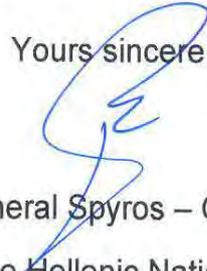
Furthermore, the course aims to train the students to become unbiased, willing listeners, constructive teammates, committed to the common objective of academic excellence while fostering them, through the understanding of each other, long lasting friendship bonds that will promote cooperation, peace and security. Finally, following analytic rubrics in a student centric approach, extensive and in detail evaluation criteria have been set.

The HNDC has established a strategic co-operation with the University of Plymouth, UK. Under this co-operation the University will provide professors and lecturers throughout the course that will enrich the knowledge and the perspectives of the students, and will also give the opportunity, to those who want in a voluntary basis with an additional cost, to enroll in the University's MA program in "Applied Strategy and International Security". More details for the program can be found in the course directive on our site <http://setha.army.gr/en>.

We would consider it a great honor if you designate a participant to this course, no later than the **1st of June 2021**. The HNDC course is offered to selected Strategic Partners free of charge; however your government will be required to cover travel, accommodation and other administrative expenses. Military Lodge billeting service is available at your request.

Point of contact (POC) for all administrative matters and for receiving the applications is Colonel Fotios Ioakimidis, ISC Coordinator, Hellenic National Defense College, Evelpidon 6 & Moustoxidi, GR 11362, Athens, Greece (tel.: 0030 210 8896530/6500, fax: 0030 210 889 6545, e-mail: international@hndc.mil.gr).

Yours sincerely,



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