



**Hellenic National Defence College**  
Commandant

Athens, April 2024

**International Senior Course – 9th Course, entitled: “Senior Course on Defence Studies: International Senior Course in Applied Strategy and Defence Diplomacy”**

I am pleased to extend an invitation to a senior member of your Armed Forces to participate in the International Senior Course on Defense Studies – 9th Course, entitled: **“Senior Course on Defence Studies: International Senior Course in Applied Strategy and Defence Diplomacy”**, which will be held in Athens, from the 12th September 2024 to the 13th of December 2024, at the Hellenic National Defence College (HNDC).

The course, which will be conducted in English, is designed for selected international officers and a small number of Hellenic Armed Forces officers and other public servants. It aims to prepare them to cope with the rapidly changing situations of the geostrategic environment and become leaders who 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 to acquire the required skills and knowledge through a concise 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 Defence Diplomacy, and the National and International Instruments of Power, in order to enhance their understanding of the International System.

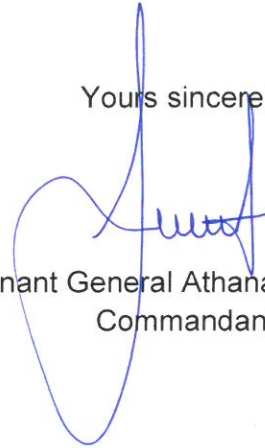
Furthermore, the course aims to train the students to become unbiased, willing listeners, and constructive teammates, committed to the common objective of academic excellence while fostering, through the understanding of each other, long-lasting bonds of friendship that will promote cooperation, peace,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

The HNDC has established a strategic cooperation with the University of Plymouth, UK. Under this cooperation, the University will assign professors and lecturers throughout the course that will enrich the student's knowledge and perspectives, and will also give the opportunity to those intended to voluntarily enroll at an additional cost, in the University's MA program in “Applied Strategy and International Security”. More details about the program can be provided through e-mail: [International@hndc.mil.gr](mailto:International@hndc.mil.gr).

We would consider it a great honor if you designated a participant to this course, no later than the **3th of June 2024**. The HNDC course is offered to designated 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.

The point of contact (POC) for all administrative matters and for receiving the applications is Colonel Dimitrios Tagalakis (or Colonel Nikolaos Anthis), ISC Coordinator, Hellenic National Defence College, Evelpidon 6 & Moustoxidi, GR 11362, Athens, Greece (tel.: 0030 210 8896530/6500, e-mail: [International@hndc.mil.gr](mailto:International@hndc.mil.gr)).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Sardellis', is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and includes a large loop on the left side.

Lieutenant General Athanasios Sardellis  
Commandant