



## Hellenic National Defence College

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### International Senior Course – 11th 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 the International Senior Course on Defense Studies – 11th Course, entitled: **“Senior Course on Defence Studies: International Senior Course in Applied Strategy and Defence Diplomacy”** which will be held in Athens, from the 10th of September 2026 to the 11th of December 2026, 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 concentrated and academically rich experience. The students will be exposed to the origins of 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 increase 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 mutual understanding longlasting friendship bonds that will promote cooperation, peace, and security. Finally, following analytic rubrics in a student-centric approach, extensive and detailed evaluation criteria have been set.

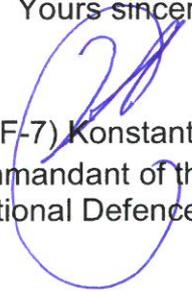
The HNDC has established a strategic cooperation with the University of Plymouth, UK. Along this cooperation the University will provide professors and lecturers throughout the course who will enrich the knowledge and the perspectives of the students, and will also give the opportunity, to those who want voluntarily with an

additional cost, to enroll 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 **5th of June 2026**. The HNDC course is offered to select 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 (HAF) Dimitrios STAMATIS, ISC Coordinator, Hellenic National Defence College, Evelpidon 6 & Moustoxidi, GR 11362, Athens, Greece (tel.: 0030 210 8896576/6530, e-mail: [International@hndc.mil.gr](mailto:International@hndc.mil.gr)).

Yours sincerely,



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