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**SUBJECT: CALLING LETTER FOR EXERCISE SPECIFICATIONS
CONFERENCE EXERCISE VIGOROUS WARRIOR 23.
DATE: 10-12 JANUARY 2022.**

DATE: November 2021

REFERENCES:

- A. NATO MILMED COE Program of Work 2021
- B. Bi SC Directive 75-7, dated 10 Sep 2015
- C. Bi SC Directive 75-2, dated 06 Sep 2016
- D. Bi SC directive 75-3, dated 20 January 2020

1. You are kindly invited to attend the Vigorous Warrior 23 (VW23) Exercise Specifications Conference (ESC) in Budapest from 10-12 January 2022.

VW23 will take place in Italy in October 2023. Vigorous Warrior 23 is the 6th iteration of a series of biennial, multinational, Joint, Medical field training exercises organized by the NATO Medical Centre of Excellence supported by a Host Nation.

2. The Exercise Specification (EXSPEC) is the Officer Scheduling the Exercise's (OSE's) order to the Officer Conducting the Exercise (OCE) to plan, conduct and analyze the exercise. It connects the exercise participants and supporting HQs/organizations around the OSE his exercise aim and objectives at an early stage and provides the foundation for detailed exercise planning (EXPLAN). During the ESC, participants' respective contributions, expectations and requirements will be listed. Therefore, several agenda topics are identified.

- a) Exercise Aim and Objectives, to agree and finalize.
- b) Determine Participation Requirement.
- c) Determine Evaluation Requirements.
- d) Determine CD&E requirements.
- e) Geo strategic situation.
- f) Exercise Milestone Planning Schedule.
- g) Exercise Public Affairs Policy.

- h) Discuss Exercise Budget Responsibilities.
- i) Determine Real Life Support requirements and Responsibilities.
- j) Exercise Specifications document.
- k) Draft CJSOR.
- l) Draft Exercise organisation.
- m) Any other business.
- n) Way ahead.

3. Timeline:

- The ESC will start with an Icebreaker on **10 January 2022** at 1800.
- **The Conference main part will start Tuesday 11 January 2022, at 08:30.** The conference will end on **Wednesday 12 January 2022 NLT 12:00.** Since it is impossible at this stage to calculate the exact needed time per topic, the list of topics from above will serve as an agenda for the conference and be followed in order of listing.
- There will be time for bi-lateral discussions on Wednesday as well.

4. Units/organizations are requested to send not more than 2 participant to the ESC. Participants are to be aware of units/organizations specific training needs and potential contributions to VW23.

VW23 will be open to NATO, NATO partners, EU and civilian organizations. Participation of Non NATO Entities will be decided by OSE VW23 on a case by case basis.

5. The health and safety of participants remains an absolute priority. Therefore, as the COVID-19 situation continues to change, a final decision regarding the execution of this in-person meeting will be made by 10 December 2021 and published on NATO MILMED COE website.

The event will be hosted by the NATO MILMED COE (Budapest, HUNGARY) with the meeting taking place outside of MILMED COE premises (in a hotel). NATO MILMED COE shall not be liable to participants for any of the risks for direct or indirect damages resulting from force majeure cancellation, e.g. accommodation or travel costs. Before travel, all the candidates are kindly requested to check the travel restrictions for entering the territory of Hungary. Restrictions may vary depending on the point of departure. Making all travel arrangements and meeting all requirements are entirely the participant's responsibility. Participants are also kindly asked to bring a face mask for the duration of the meeting, just in case.

6. Administrative points:

Registration will open after 20 November 2021 and will be available through NATO MILMED COE website (www.coemed.org) with all administrative details (venue, hotel, conference fee etc.) Please register NLT 10 December 2021. Eventhough registration will be still available after this date (case by case), hotel accommodation cannot be guaranteed after this date.

The event will take place in Budapest. Participants have to organize and pay for their own travel and lodging arrangements.

If the COVID-19 situation will not allow to conduct an in-person meeting information will be also available through the aforementioned website.

Dress code: Icebreaker : Casual

Main event: Uniform / business attire - jacket and tie.

7. Point of contact

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Looking forward to meeting you in Budapest
Best regards
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