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SUBJECT: **INVITATION TO THE MILITARY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
CONFERENCE (MSPC) 2019**

REFERENCES: A. ACO.3949.4
B. Bi-Strategic Command Directive 087-002, dated 27 Aug 2013
C. SAVE THE DATE LETTER DCOS PD 26 Nov 2018
D. 2015 ACO-PNMR Terms of Reference for ACO PNMR

1. I cordially invite you to attend the Military Strategic Partnership Conference (MSPC) 2019, which will be held 25-29 March 2019, at the Dead Sea Marriot Hotel in Jordan. We look forward to continue improving partnership processes, to enhance the Partnership Country Team Approach and to build on the Lessons Learned from the 2018 Military Partnership Coordination Workshop in Skopje.

2. My objectives for the Conference are to advance NATO partnership processes (SAP, PCM etc.) and programmes (OCC, DCB, PARP etc.); secure planning of efforts; and provide at minimum an 80% solution to 2020 Partner Capital's ambitions for Education, Training, Exercise and Evaluation (ETEE). Furthermore, I expect to exchange information between NATO and Partners on new developments in Cooperative Security and to discuss partnerships programmes for future years.

3. Partner Nations have representatives assigned to NATO, and their presence would be extremely beneficial to the success of the Conference due to their daily work and cooperation with my staff and our subordinate commands. To ensure effective coordination and constructive participation in Alliance affairs at the strategic level, the Partner National Military Representatives assigned to SHAPE are expected to attend this Conference. I strongly encourage Partner Nations to take this into account when selecting members of the delegation for the Conference.

4. Parallel to the Conference, we will host an exhibition of NATO and Partner Nation's Training and Education facilities accessible for Partner Nations. The intent will be to establish bi-lateral connections with the institutions and to better understand their offers.

5. We have extended the MSPC from last year by 1½ days for the partners and by ½ day for NATO participants. This will give us the opportunity to engage more intensively and

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allow room for a 'partners-only session' to develop expectations towards NATO for the short, mid and long term future

6. I am looking forward to meeting and engaging with all of the partner representatives and other stakeholders attending this important annual event. Please pay close attention to all relevant information and deadlines provided in the annexes. For further and continuously updated information please visit our Conference website at <https://shape.nato.int/upcoming-events/military-strategic-partnership-conference-2019>. All administrative issues related to the Conference will be handled online through this website. For questions please contact our dedicated team at torsten.stauffer@shape.nato.int or at lindseyanne.bauer@shape.nato.int.

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