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SUBJECT: **INVITATION TO NATO AND PARTNER NATIONS TO THE MILITARY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE 2025 IN DOHA, QATAR**

REFERENCES: A. ACO.3949.8
B. Bi-Strategic Command Directive 087-002, dated 27 Aug 2013

1. From 07-10 April 2025, my Partnerships Directorate (PD) will conduct the annual Military Strategic Partnership Conference for 2025 (MSPC 25) in Doha, the capital of Qatar (QAT). In conjunction with the Conference, I also will host an exhibition of NATO and Partner Nations' Training and Education facilities accessible for Partner Nations as well as a Professional Development session for Partner Nation Command Senior Enlisted Leaders (CSEL).

2. I cordially invite you to attend the conference and to support this critical event in the annual cycle of the NATO-Partnership community. My team and I look forward to hosting this conference that serves to build the personal relationships that are so important to the development of mutual understanding and partnership. Upon request, we will also offer a virtual format for the bilateral discussions in order to assist those Partner Nations that might otherwise be unable to attend.

3. My intention for this year's MSPC is to exploit NATO Partnership processes, executing a sequential and progressive planning effort that will provide an 80% solution to 2026/27 Partner Capital ambitions for Education, Training, Exercise and Evaluation (ETEE) by the end of the conference. However, the main focus of this conference should be on in depth bilateral meetings between NATO stakeholders and the Partner Nations in order to advance our Defence Capacity Building objectives as well as our PAF-N subscriptions. Similar to past years we will also be conducting a series of discussion panels looking to exchange information and expand our mutual knowledge base.

4. I am pleased to highlight the CSEL Professional development Workshop that will be part of the conference. On 09 April 2025, the CSEL to PD will host a one day workshop to promote mutual understanding with Partner Nation CSELS. To that end, all CSELS from our Partner Nations as well as from across the ACO Command Structure are invited to MSPC 25 along with their national or organizational delegations.

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5. It is of crucial importance that all NATO Commands and entities, included in the distribution list send adequate numbers of SMEs / Desk Officers / Country Engagement Officers to cover all planned parallel bilateral meetings (minimum of 4 consecutive sessions) and to participate in the plenary sessions.
6. Dress throughout the conference will be suitable business attire. The wearing of uniforms is restricted to HN personnel only. No application for the deferral of this policy will be accommodated. Please pay close attention to all relevant information and deadlines provided in the administrative instruction which will be issued very soon. Visa support will be available for those Nations that require a Visa for QAT. For further information and conference registration, please visit our conference website: <https://shape.nato.int/upcoming-events/military-strategic-partnership-conference-2025>. All administrative issues related to the conference will be handled online through this website.
7. The conference agenda is currently still being drawn up. As soon as the agenda has been approved, it will be uploaded and made available via the above mentioned website. You will be notified accordingly.
8. For questions, please contact our MSPC team: darcy.wright@shape.nato.int or robert.menzel@shape.nato.int. I very much look forward to meeting and engaging with each of you who can attend this important annual event.

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