



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



NATIONAL GUARD GENERAL STAFF
CHIEF

Nicosia, February 18th, 2019

Lieutenant General
Aviv KOHAVI
Chief of the General Staff
Tel- Aviv, ISRAEL

Dear General,

The National Guard of the Republic of Cyprus, in order to meet the challenges of the modern strategic environment of the Eastern Mediterranean, schedules to conduct the Annual Multinational Exercise on Civil - Military Cooperation (CIMIC) with the name «ARGONAUT 2019» which will include:

- Crisis Management Exercise on a crisis in the region, leading to Non Combatant Evacuation Operation, including reception, staying, hospitality and movement of the civilian population.
- Search and Rescue Exercise within the Cyprus SAR Area of Responsibility.

The exercise «ARGONAUT 2019» aims to increase interoperability of various agencies and authorities of the Republic of Cyprus and other friends and allies Countries, by developing collective skills for the participating personnel (Consular, Military, and Official delegations), as well as promoting friendship, mutual understanding and cooperation.

The exercise «ARGONAUT 2019» will be carried out from 27th to 31st of May 2019.

In the framework of the excellent relations between our countries, the National Guard would like to extend an invitation to your country to take part in the exercise, with aeronautical assets, personnel, and/or observers.

A general schedule of the exercise is here attached for your information. Due to multiple arrangements that inevitably surround the event, I kindly request in case of a positive response to inform us accordingly about the level of your participation not later than March 15th, 2019.

For any further information, the Point of Contact (POC) of the National Guard for the exercise is Cdr Vassilis DEMETRIOU, Staff Officer/Ops Directorate (tel. +357 22417044, cell phone +357 99695096 and email: depix_ops@army.gov.cy).

Yours Sincerely

Lieutenant General Ilias A. LEONTARIS
Chief of the National Guard



GENERAL EXERCISE SCHEDULE

No	EVENTS	DATE	LOCATION
1.	NEO CG Pre Exercise (Communication and Systems Check) (For NEO CG Members and NEO CG Observers Members).	27-28 May 2019	Larnaca Civil Defence HQ and Coordination Center «ZENON»
2.	CIMIC EX «ARGONAUT 2019»		Exercise Areas
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEO CG Table Top Exercise (For NEO CG Members and NEO CG Observers Members). 	29 – 30 May 2019	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observers Arrival (All invited Countries) 	28 May 2019	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Observer Briefing (morning) 	29 May 2019	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAR EX (Evening episode) 	29 (18:00-24:00) May 2019	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAR EX (Morning episode) 	30 (08:00-13:00) May 2019	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simulation of massive Entitled Personnel (EP) arrival • Distinguished Visitors Day (DV-DAY) 	30 (18:00-21:00) May 2019	
3.	NEO CG Informal Meeting (For NEO CG Members and NEO CG Observers Members).	31 (10:00-12:00) May 2019	
4.	END-EX, Participants Departure	31 May 2019	

