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For the Attention Of:

**Brigadier General Jay M. Bargeron**

Acting Director, European Command Plans and Operations Center

**General Bargeron,**

I was recently notified by my staff that EUCOM will not be attending the annual “Noah’s Ark” meeting, scheduled for the first week of June, due to a change in guidance from LTG Twitty, along with personnel changes in EUCOM and the US DATT Office in Israel.

The purpose of this year’s gathering was to enable a senior leadership level discussion, as a platform to discuss the future of the de-confliction mechanism and to conduct a GO/FO ROC Drill. Moreover, this year’s gathering is a great opportunity for senior leadership engagement and will enable us to discuss the core issues and challenges we are facing in the Middle East, and particularly in Israel.

General, the absence of the US in this forum will be a significant one.

We believe there is a lot to discuss regarding the way we do business in contingency, and how we de-conflict a multi-national NEO, and urge you to partake in the meeting – if not only for the sake of military diplomacy.

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