



ISRAEL NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Col. Guido CERIONI**  
**DEFENCE ATTACHE'**  
**EMBASSY OF ITALY IN ISRAEL**

Dear COL. CERIONI,

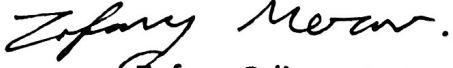
We are in a complex time, full with uncertainty. These days our hearts and minds are with our friends in Italy who are suffering due to the rampant pandemic, and we pray for the recovery of all patients, and a quick return to routine.

As part of the gradual return to routine in Israel, we are preparing to reopen the National Defense College to physical studying starting on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We would very much like to see Col. Davide Salerno return to Israel and join his classmates at the INDC. This will also allow him to finish the school year and receive the diploma of the National Defense College together with his Master's degree.

We are more than happy to provide Col. Salerno with the necessary assistance in order to allow for the required 14-day quarantine upon his return to Israel. Please let me know if anything else is needed from the College or myself to allow for Col. Salerno's return to Israel at the earliest possible time.

As for next year's program, we are making the necessary preparations to open the school year as planned. To this end, we will request that next year's International Officers will arrive in Israel at the beginning of July. This will give them ample time for 14 days in quarantine, as we plan to begin the summer (preparation) course for international participants at the end of July. The school year will start on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. I would appreciate it if you could keep me informed regarding the expected arrival time of the Italian officer for the next school year.

Warm regards,

  
Merav Zafary-Odiz  
Chief Instructor