



ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES
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General Enzo Vecciarelli
Chief of Defense
Italian Republic Armed Forces

Dear General Enzo Vecciarelli,

On behalf of the IDF Chief of General Staff, LTG Gadi Eisenkot, I am honored to declare that the Israeli National Defense College will continue integrating international participants into its program following the success achieved over the last several years. There is no doubt that the participation of COL Guido Cerioni in the year 2017-2018, and the participation of the rest of your officers over the years in the International Fellows Program, contributed not only to the enrichment of the students, but to the strong and everlasting relations between our two countries. COL Cerioni has been an excellent representative of his country, and his character and capabilities have been well appreciated in our institution so far.

I cordially invite another senior Italian officer to participate in the class of 2019-2020, and thus continue the tradition that has existed ever since the INDC opened its doors to international participants. The involvement of Italian officers contributes vastly to the deepening of the mutual understanding between our respective militaries regarding the primary strategic issues of the Middle East today.

I would like to thank you for the participation of your officers until now, and I very much hope that you will look favorably upon this invitation and be able to send a representative next year.

Sincerely,

Major General **Amir Baram**
Commandant of the Military Colleges
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