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SUBJECT: 7th Annual NATO Network Enabled Capability (NNEC)
Conference, 23-25 March 2010

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1. Headquarters, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation will host the 7th NATO Network Enabled Capability (NNEC) Conference from 23-25 March 2010 at the Ergife Palace Hotel in Rome, Italy. The purpose of this letter is to invite your representation.
2. Many nations have developed plans for Network Enabled Capabilities, both within and outside the Alliance. Each national plan has been developed to improve interoperability between that nation's forces, and sometimes also between that nation's military forces and non-military actors. The goal of NNEC is to provide the framework to improve coherence between these national NEC plans, and also with those of NATO organizations. This goal can be achieved only with the active participation of NNEC-related stakeholders in the Nations and across NATO. The active participation of industry is also essential as all NEC-related programs rely on industrial developments to deliver new solutions.
3. The theme of the conference is "Information Management – Challenge for the Future Warfighter." The conference will focus on providing a forum for the operational and technical communities to discuss the challenges of information management in today and tomorrow's multinational, multicultural, multiagency and multipurpose environment. The conference will consist of presentations, parallel breakout sessions and panel discussions over the course of three days in support of this theme.
4. The goal of the plenary sessions is to provide a forum for the operational and technical community to discuss and evaluate a conceptual approach to information management, information sharing and collaborative environment. The conference consists of three day long sessions. The first day (Tuesday, 23 March) will be held in general plenary sessions and panel discussion. On the second day (Wednesday, 24 March), a morning plenary session will address the roles and processes of information assurance and NNEC, followed by three parallel breakout sessions in the afternoon focused on specific areas – technology in support of information sharing and collaboration, policy & doctrine; and information assurance. The third day (Thursday, 25 March) will be held in plenary to discuss how NNEC can improve the process of information sharing and collaboration.
5. It is recommended that each Nation provides representatives at the OF5/OF4 level to represent operational aspects, the technological issues and those involved in the management of change. From NATO bodies, Partners, and Industry, we wish to attract all

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key NNEC stakeholders. Standard NATO Funding policy will apply. All eligible nations requesting financial assistance should submit financial requests with conference registration to Military Cooperation Division – Activity Coordination.

6. A calling notice for presentations and request for topics was sent out by the NNEC Conference Coordination Office at HQ SACT. All NNEC Conference coordination will be conducted via the unclassified NNEC Portal website <https://transnet.act.nato.int/WISE/Informatio/Conference/2010NNECCo>. This Portal will include information on requested topics, registration details and can also be used to offer presentations. The conference coordination office can be contacted at (757) 747-4253/4256, email: is-nnec@act.nato.int.

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