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1. **Introduction:** Following the successful 2nd Conference held in May 2014 in Rome, the Centre of Excellence for Operations in Confined and Shallow Waters (COE CSW) in cooperation with the Portuguese Armed Forces announces its:

**3rd Conference on Operational Maritime Law
Lisbon, Portugal, from the 21st to the 24th of September 2015.**

2. **Theme:**

“There and Back Again: From Origins to Modern Threats”

3. **Aim:** The Conference will build upon the findings of the previous events, which emphasized on legal challenges in Maritime Security.

This year's Conference aims to go more in depth in order to specifically identify legal positions among experts which may support current operations and contribute to the planning and executing of prospective operations. Furthermore, possible future fields of naval operations will be addressed; which may serve to enhance the competence of legal advisors and operators prior to a deployment.

An intended practical outcome of this Conference is to reach a consensus on specific aspects of international law. The Conference follows a typical Track-2 level. Chatham House Rules will apply.

4. **Schedule:** The Conference will be conducted from Monday, 21 September 2015 (evening) to Thursday, 24 September 2015 (late afternoon).

5. **Location:** The Conference will be held at the Portuguese Joint Command and Staff College: The Institute of Higher Military Studies [Instituto de Estudos Superiores Militares (IESM)] in Lisbon, Portugal (<http://www.iesm.pt/s/index.php/en/>).

6. **Participation:** We address *legal experts* and *naval operators* from NATO Member and Partner Nations, EU, United Nations and Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) states who are or have been working on the operational or tactical level. We also welcome attendees from academia, international organizations, industry and NGOs. You are encouraged to pass this invitation on to any other appropriate expert.

7. **Topics:** Presentations and Discussions will include the following topics: Rescue and Assistance at Sea, Law of Armed Conflict, Law Enforcement on the High Seas, Unmanned Underwater Vehicles, The Mining of International Straits, Maritime Law Disputes on the Horizon, and Freedom of Navigation.

8. **Accommodation, Transportation and Expenses:**

a. Military Lodging will be available nearby from 20 to 25 September (35.00€ per night; reservation on a first-come, first-serve basis).
Accommodation for spouses/ partners (additional 15.00€ per person per night) upon request.

Arrival and departure is to be arranged individually. Transportation between the Military Lodging and the Conference venue will be provided according to the Conference schedule.

b. Hotel or other accommodation incl. transportation is to be arranged individually.

c. The Icebreaker, Dinner event, Business Lunches, and coffee will be hosted or funded by the Conference fee.

9. **Conference Fee:** The Conference fee of 75.00€ will be accepted before the Conference by direct deposit (IBAN DE31 2308 0040 0310 0820 00 / BIC DRESDEFF230 – keyword LISBON) or at Conference Registration in cash (Euros).

10. **Visa:** Participants from countries that require a visa to enter Portugal must take the appropriate action to obtain entry visa through their national channels.

11. **Classification:** Unclassified, Releasable to Public.

12. **Registration:** Participants are requested to submit a registration application no later than 04 September 2015.

It is recommended to begin the online-registration process as soon as possible by requesting your Login at the event page on our website <http://www.coecsw.org/our-events/3rd-conference-on-operational-maritime-law/> or by using the following direct link <http://www.coecsw.org/entry/law>. Please have a scanned copy of your passport ready for upload to your registration.

13. **Dress Code:**

a. Icebreaker: Smart Casual (no jeans, no tie)

b. Conference: **MIL**-Daily Working Uniform (office), **CIV**- Business Attire

c. Social Event: Casual

d. Dinner: Business Casual (jacket/ tie, short cocktail dresses or equivalent)

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I thank you in advance for your interest and support in this Conference. We look forward to hosting you in Lisbon, Portugal for the 3rd Conference on Operational Maritime Law.

FOR THE DIRECTOR



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