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Course announcement for 2015 Nordic Defence Cooperation (NORDEFKO) Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Planning Course

1 Background

The Norwegian Defence International Centre (NODEFIC) offers UN and NATO courses on topics related to Peace Support Operations and Multinational Operations. NODEFIC is part of the Norwegian Defence University College (NDUC) and has conducted courses in DDR Planning since 2006.

The Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) of former combatants and those associated with armed groups is a prerequisite for post-conflict stability and recovery. DDR of combatants is a complex process with political, military, security, humanitarian and socio-economic dimensions. A successful DDR program depends heavily on the ability of the stakeholders to plan, manage and implement a coherent and effective DDR strategy.

DDR programs need to be well planned to ensure quality in the delivery of services. DDR should be planned and coordinated within the framework of the peace process, and be linked to broader security issues and national capacity-building. The planning process should pay particular attention to safety and security; coordination; assessment, monitoring and evaluation; information and sensitization; and a transition and exit strategy.

2 Discussion

Norwegian Defence University College (NDUC) /Norwegian Defence Command and Staff College (NDCSC) / NODEFIC would like to take this opportunity to encourage qualified students to apply for the 2015 DDR Planning Course, scheduled 19 – 25 April 2015. The course will be conducted at Akershus Fortress in the centre of Oslo, Norway.

Be aware that participation in our courses requires confirmed seat from NODEFIC. Accepted students will be notified by NODEFIC.

NODEFIC does not charge any course fee. Food and accommodation during the course is 100 euro per night. Travel expenses are to be paid by sending unit/nation.

The training is targeting personnel working in or deploying to DDR missions and programs. This will include DDR planning officers, military and police officers from troop contributing countries, staff of national DDR commission or relevant ministries, NGOs and civil society organizations. Exchange of knowledge and experience among participants from civilian,

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military and police backgrounds has been identified as one of the key factors of success for the course.

The course prepares the participants to effectively take part in the planning and preparation phase of present or future DDR program. The course program is based on the UN Integrated DDR Standards (IDDRS, www.unddr.org/iddrs.aspx) as well as practitioners' best practices.

Participants should have verified DDR experience and/or knowledge of DDR processes acquired in recognized DDR foundation courses. The course will be held in English.

Participants are responsible for making their own visa arrangements.

Attached please find the course CV.

3 Conclusion

NODEFIC requests qualified students to be nominated for the DDR Planning Course 2015.

NODEFIC has an online application system. Please go to our website www.nodefic.no and follow the link Apply for courses. Application deadline: 23rd February 2015. Only online applications will be considered. Confirmed course admission will be issued from NODEFIC no later than 2nd March 2015 to the individual participant.

NODEFIC kindly requests the addressees to distribute the course announcement to qualified applicants.

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