



Ladies, Gentlemen,

this is the calling message for the **“6<sup>th</sup> Annual V-RMTC & T-RMN Experts’ Reunion”** and **“ V-RMTC & T-RMN Meeting”** that the Italian Navy (ITN) will host in Rome from 30 November to 02 December 2010.

A formal invitation by the Chief of Italian Navy (Admiral Bruno BRANCIFORTE) has been already forwarded on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October .

Based on the experience gathered so far during the previous editions of this meeting and having due regard to the results achieved during the T-RISE 2010 and the outcomes of the eight Venice Regional Seapower Symposium (from 19 to 22 October 2010), in particular the signature of both the Protocol of Accession to the V-RMTC Operational Arrangement by the Ukrainian Navy and the Operational Arrangement for the Trans-Regional Maritime Network (T-RMN), the upcoming **“6<sup>th</sup> Annual V-RMTC & T-RMN Experts’ Reunion”** (on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010) will provide an excellent opportunity for the V-RMTC and T-RMN SG to discuss about the evolution of the collaboration in response to the modern requirements of Maritime Surveillance & Awareness as well as the consolidation process of V-RMTC and T-RMN at the operational and technical levels, while paving the way for possible new developments as far as the policy of the initiatives is concerned.

In order to grant the appropriate sitting frameworks to the discussion on the policy and operational-technical issues, the upcoming Reunion will include two sessions, a Steering Group (SG) and an Operational Working Group (OWG), respectively focused on above mentioned aspects.

The following **“Annual V-RMTC & T-RMN Meeting”** (on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010) aims at disseminating, to a selected number of Countries interested in the V-RMTC and T-RMN Initiatives, the results and future perspectives of the V-RMTC and T-RMN models and their potential applications.

For logistic purposes, each delegation is kindly requested to limit its attendance at maximum to **2 Officers**, in a rank between Lieutenant and Captain, with expertise in our initiatives. Accommodation in IT Navy Lodge (from 29 pm November to 2 am December) and meals during the working sessions will be provided free of charge by the ITN. Concerning the transportation from/to airport, shuttle services will be arranged every two/three hours (the time schedule will be disseminated when known the estimated time of arrival of all representatives, along with instructions to make your own way to Rome-Termini Railway Station and/or Navy premises, in case shuttles don't fit with your flights).

The **draft outline of the meetings** is attached (**Annex 1**) and the final version will be published on Italian Navy Website (<http://www.marina.difesa.it/vrmtc/2007/uk/vrmtcen.asp>) and V-RMTC WMC Portal in due time.

The required **Admin Questionnaire** and **National Survey** (forms herewith enclosed – **Annex 2** and **Annex 3**) shall be addressed, as soon as possible and no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2010 to:

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All addressees are kindly requested, if no longer involved in the V-RMTC and T-RMN initiatives, to pass this calling message to the concerned action officer in their Staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further issue you deem should be taken into consideration for the success of the meetings.

Italian Defence Attachés in address are kindly requested to pass this calling message to the concerned Defence/Naval Staff and/or appropriate Authority.

Hoping to hear from you soon and to welcome delegates from all invited representatives in Rome.

We send to you all our best regards,

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*PS – Acknowledgement of this e-mail would be very much appreciated.*