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## **Joint Force Command Lisbon's Deactivation Ceremony upcoming**

**Oeiras, Portugal** – Heading for a new NATO Command Structure which is effective, leaner and affordable, NATO has decided a significant reduction in the current number of headquarters at the 2010 Lisbon Summit. As such, NATO is undergoing a reduction in the current number of headquarters (from 11 to 6) and a reduction in personnel (from 13,000 to 9,000).

NATO Allied Joint Force Command Lisbon (JFCLB) was selected as one of the headquarters to be deactivated within this transformation process by the end of 2012.

In keeping with the decisions by the NATO nations, JFCLB will conduct a Deactivation Ceremony on the Reduto Gomes Freire Compound in Oeiras on Tuesday, 18 December 2012 starting at 1300 hrs.

JFCLB Commander Lieutenant General Manuel Mestre is looking forward to welcoming the Portuguese Minister of Defence, Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), the Portuguese Chief of Defence and a large number of guests for the Deactivation Ceremony which will be followed by a reception.

More information about the event to include details for media registration will be issued next week.

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