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Media invited to attend NATO medal ceremony

Oeiras, Portugal - Media representatives are invited to attend the NATO medal ceremony on board the Dutch Frigate HNLMS De Zeven Provinciën in Lisbon, on the 19th of October. HNLMS De Zeven Provinciën is the flagship of the Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 (SNMG2).

For the participation in Operation Ocean Shield, NATO's counter piracy operation, the staff of SNMG2 and the ships company will be presented with the NATO Non Article Five "Africa" medal. The medals will be presented by the Commander of the Allied Joint Force Command Lisbon, Lieutenant General Philippe Stoltz, who is in charge of the operation.

On completion of the ceremony, Commodore Michiel B. Hijmans, Commanding Officer SNMG2, will be available for questions from journalists until 11:55 (local time). Interested media representatives should announce their intention to attend, not later than 15:00, local time, Monday 18th of October 2010, by contacting:

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Media representatives should arrive at the "Terminal de Passageiros da Rocha Conde de Óbidos", by 10:30 (local time), where they will be escorted to HNLMS De Zeven Provinciën. Between 10:50 and 11:30, no embarking or debarking will be possible. Further detailed arrangements will be forwarded in due course.

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