

**Χαιρετισμός Αρχηγού ΓΕΑ, Αντιπτέραρχου (Ι) Δημοσθένη
Γρηγοριάδη, στη DV Day της Άσκησης Ηνίοχος 2024**

Honorable Deputy Minister of Defence,

Honorable Deputy Minister of Citizen Protection,

Chief of Hellenic National Defense General Staff,

Mayor of Municipality of Andravida – Killini,

Your Eminence Metropolitan of Iliia and Oleni,

Your Excellencies Ambassadors,

Air Chiefs of the Participating Forces
Generals,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honour and privilege for me, as the Chief of the Hellenic Air Force to welcome you all here in Andravida Air Base to the Hellenic Air Tactics Center, which serves as the core of the Multinational Air Exercise «INIOCHOS». I seize this opportunity to express my gratitude for your presence here at the DV day of a very distinct, successful and valuable exercise, which will significantly shape our Airmen in a unique way.

Nowadays, it is widely acknowledged that we are facing an increasingly unstable global environment, characterized by evolving security threats and geopolitical complexities. As we navigate through such environment, the challenges faced by Air Forces continue to grow, emphasizing the urgent need for robust defence cooperation and interoperability.

In this context, «INIOCHOS», a Multinational Joint Air Exercise among allies and partners, stands as a lighthouse of collaboration and preparedness, providing a crucial platform to enhance our fighting capabilities, joint readiness, interoperability, and foster regional partnerships. «INIOCHOS» serves as a platform where participating countries come together to extend their skills, exchange expertise and

enhance their collective capabilities in addressing diverse security challenges.

Over the past decade, that «INIOCHOS» has evolved from a strictly National to a Multinational Exercise, the Hellenic Air Tactics Center along with each year's participants has accumulated invaluable experience, while at the same time «INIOCHOS» has gained the trust of friends and allies becoming one of the most competitive exercises worldwide.

Emboldened by this success, Hellenic Air Force continues to elevate the exercise's standards, offering high-value modern training during «INIOCHOS 24». This year's exercise introduces innovative training procedures, such as Synthetic Training, and leverages new technologies to provide participants with dynamic and highly realistic environments to refine their skills in aerial warfare.

Focusing on multinational cooperation and integration, «INIOCHOS 24» exposes participants to diverse operational concepts and cutting-edge technologies, preparing them for the complexities of modern air combat environments. From air combat tactics to air-to-ground missions, participants benefit from exposure to a wide range of scenarios, ensuring readiness to meet future challenges. Our objective is to brace ourselves and be ready to collaborate, fight together and act as a wingman to each other, in order to face any emerging security threat.

Looking ahead, I am confident that the relationships forged and the bonds strengthened during «INIOCHOS 24» will endure long after the exercise concludes. Let us remain committed to further collaboration, joint training initiatives and strategic partnerships that promote peace, stability and prosperity for all.

Please allow me to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the participating nations, their air forces and personnel who have dedicated their time, expertise, and resources to make «INIOCHOS 24» a resounding success. Your unwavering dedication and professionalism are a testament to the strength of our partnerships and the collective resolve to promote peace and security in our region and globally.

In closing, I express my sincere gratitude to the personnel of the Hellenic Air Tactics Center and Andravida AFB, whose year-long efforts have contributed significantly to the success of «INIOCHOS». Your

dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to excellence are a source of inspiration to us all.

Distinguished guests, your presence here today underline our shared vision and commitment to exercises like «INIOCHOS» that promote cooperation and interoperability to support regional peace and stability.

I am sure that this experience would be a fruitful one.

Thank you all allies, friends and partners for coming and wish you happy and safe landings!!!!