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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **NATO's Premier Training Conference Comes to Sofia**

BULGARIA— Media are invited to attend the first day of the 2017 NATO Training Synchronization Conference (TSC), which will be held at the Hotel Marinela in Sofia, Bulgaria from February 22-24, 2017.

Day one will include a news conference with Bulgarian Armed Forces Acting Chief of Defence Vice Admiral Emil Eftimov, Headquarters Supreme Allied Command Transformation (HQ SACT) Chief of Staff Air Marshal Sir Graham Stacey and Deputy Chief of Staff Joint Force Trainer Major General Stefano Salamida. These leaders will address questions surrounding the goals of the conference, which are to identify training opportunities that best enable NATO to meet its current and future threats.

**When:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Hotel Marinela in Sofia, Bulgaria

The TSC is the annual gathering of Education and Training specialists from the NATO Command and Force Structures, member and partner Nations, to discuss the latest developments across the entire NATO education and training spectrum. NATO places considerable emphasis on education, training and exercises as the Alliance continues to implement NATO's Readiness Action Plan and outcomes from the Warsaw Summit.

During this conference, NATO will focus on adaptation and assurance measures which will help ensure forces are even more synchronized as they work to preserve peace and security in their missions and assignments.

This year ACT is honoured to hold the TSC in Bulgaria. Bulgaria was among the first Eastern European countries to join the Partnership for Peace programme and became a NATO member in March 2004. Today Bulgaria remains a strong contributor to the NATO force.

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#### **Notes to editor / news director:**

Media representatives are invited to attend a news conference on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. They should arrive by 8:00 a.m. (local time) to receive a media pass and RSVP Ms. Maria D.Doychinova-Slaveykova at [m.doychinova@mod.bg](mailto:m.doychinova@mod.bg) or LCDR Karen Eifert at [karen.eifert@act.nato.int](mailto:karen.eifert@act.nato.int) or call +757-685-9814. Individual interviews are also possible. For more information, please visit <http://www.act.nato.int/trainingsync>