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Nomination Letter – Romanian Naval Academy for the Chairperson of the LoD 11 – International Naval Semester

Dear Members of the Implementation Group (IG),

In compliance with the appointment nomination call, launched on the occasion of 53rd IG meeting, in regard of the replacing assignment of the Chairperson of Line of Development 11 – International Naval Semester, I would like to extend our full institutional support for the nomination of Colonel Associate Professor Dr. Catalin POPA, for this position, in line with the committed interest assumed by the Romanian Naval Academy for the EMILYO program initiatives and for Naval Higher Education Network strengthen and enrichment, toward and efficient and effective cooperation, under the aegis of European Security and Defence College.

Col. Assoc. Prof. Catalin POPA is the Vice-rector (Deputy) for International Programs of Romanian Naval Academy, having an extensive experience as academic and military expert in training and education. He has achieved a high qualification in teaching, scientific research, both on operational and managerial level, being appointed alongside his carrier of 26 years membership of our community, on a very broad range of positions (Associate Dean for Research, Head of Research Center, member of Senate and Faculty Board, program Chair, project manager). Our officer, has also a very large international experience, spending diverse teaching stages in different countries from Europe and Middle East, considered as a professional asset, beside his additional experience achieved onboard Navy units and during his deployment as international public servant in Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. As academic scientist and researcher, Col. Catalin Popa has a wide portfolio, counting the authorship of 12 books and of more than 100 articles and paperwork's in his field of academic expertise.

Moreover, we consider our representative as a suitable nomination, taking into account his valuable experience in Erasmus+ program as institutional coordinator in the last 8 years, during his mandate the institutional cooperation boosting tremendously. Also, we can remind on his support the worthy involvement in the project development and coordination, being presently involved in 8 international joint projects, out of which 4 projects, strategic partnerships, awarded and implemented under our Academy leading coordination.

I avail on this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing commitment to promote the military exchange programs and the academic cooperation for education, training and research, reassuring you about the Romanian Naval Academy supporting involvement!

Sincerely Yours,

COMMANDANT (RECTOR) OF THE ROMANIAN NAVAL ACADEMY

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