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SUBJECT: **Invitation to the Life Firing Exercise/Joint Fire Support 2022 (LFX/JFS 22) "ALPINE DEFENSE 2022" at HOCHFILZEN (AUT) (Mortar, Air Assets)**

DATE: 04.04.2022 - 08.04.2022

REFERENCES: A. Minutes of the Meeting - EU P&S MTI 7th Planning Committee Meeting and 2021 Annual Conference

Dear Madam / Sir,

According to Ref. A, AUSTRIA as the lead nation of P&S MTI has officially announced that the Austrian Armed Forces will conduct a follow-up event to the Life Firing Exercise (LFX) "JFS HOCHFILZEN 2021".

On behalf of the Director of the Directorate Training, LTG Erich CSITKOVITS, we would like to invite Joint Fire Support Teams, Forward Observer and JTAC elements as Main Training Audience (MTA) from the P&S MTI participants, observers and guests to the Life Firing Exercise/Joint Fire Support "ALPINE DEFENSE 2022".

The exercise will take place from 4 April to 8 April 2022 once again in the area of Hochfilzen, Austria. As in 2021, the LFX involves a fictitious scenario allowing for fire support operations at Combined Joint Operations Level in a demanding high mountain environment, is based on combat operations in alpine terrain and focuses on fire support elements from air and ground. The working language will be English.

Further details concerning the program and administration will be forwarded with an administration order pending the nations' intents to participate. The participation will be limited to 4 international Teams comprising of 6 to 8 personnel.

For your assessment: Deployment/Redeployment on 4 April and 8 April 2022 is a responsibility of the participating nations. HNS will be provided on basis of bilateral agreements.

The P&S MTI POC for the participation is LTC Heimo TEMMEL, Staff Officer MTI, email: office.mti@bmlv.gv.at, mobile phone number: +43 664 622 6130. The invited partner nations are kindly requested to inform the POC about a participation NLT 18 February 2022 in general.

This invitation will be distributed via

- attaché services to BEL, BGR, CZE, DEU, ESP, FRA, HRV, ITA, MNE, NLD, NOR, POL, ROU, SVN and SWE
- email to EU P&S MTI National Representatives and to the national EU P&S MTI POCs, NATO MW COE (in SVN) and NATO COE CWO (in NOR)

In the spirit of the growing interoperability of EU MW troops we are looking forward to welcoming you to the exercise.

Sincerely Yours,



Josef HOLZER, BG
Chairman P&S MTI