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■ SUBJECT Announcement of New Academic Department: Joint Targeting Interoperability Curriculum (JTIC)

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1. It is my pleasure and honour to announce the official establishment of the JTIC as a separate Academic Department, effective 4 January 2016. All Joint Targeting curriculum courses and standards at the NATO School remain unchanged.
2. JTIC is NATO's education and training solution for increasing and maintaining the Alliance's competency in Joint Targeting operations. In only its first year of academic operations, JTIC trained well over 700 students from 24 nations, exceeding our initial estimates by 68 percent. For 2016, the demand for JTIC's instruction continues to grow to an estimated 1,120 participants.
3. The future success of the JTIC programme is critically dependent on nations supporting a sustainable Voluntary National Contributions (VNCs) rotation of suitably-qualified and experienced personnel. Failure to achieve this will result in the scope of the JTIC programme being curtailed.
4. The establishment of JTIC as a separate Department is exactly in line with the long-term goal of phasing out United States European Command (US EUCOM) support by 31 December 2018, and establishing JTIC as an ACT-supported and administered curriculum, beginning on 1 January 2019.
5. Should there be any questions, the point of contact of this action is the JTIC Department Director, LTC Michael P. Buchkoski, phone: +49-8822-9481-2122 or email: buchkoski.michael@natoschool.nato.int.



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