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## CIOR - CIMEX 31 Jul – 01 Aug 21 Delegate Pack

*“How do CIMIC Reservists support resilience in the fight against a pandemic and associated resilience challenges?”*

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the CIOR CIMIC Committee, we would like to welcome you and delighted that you will be attending the planned CIMEX from Sat 31 Jul 21 – Sun 01 Aug 21. This is a two-day event.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, this year’s annual CIMEX will be online, but despite this, we still have a varied and diverse programme that we will deliver and hope that you will find engaging and valuable.

CIOR - Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers  
CIMIC – Civil Military Cooperation  
CIMEX – Civil Military Exercise

### 2.0 WHAT IS CIMIC?

A high-level explanation of CIMIC and Civil Preparedness has been provided in the context of this year’s CIMEX with the intent of helping you to understand what you will be learning and participating in over the next two days.

**Civil Military Cooperation (CIMIC)** is a branch of the NATO structure referred to as G9. It is the cell responsible in the NATO HQ for enabling military operations to occur that could have a significant impact on or dependent on the non-military actors (national and local authorities, civilian population, international organisations and non-governmental organisations). CIMIC Officers act as liaison between the military and non-military actors to ensure that the military mission can be achieved within the area of responsibility.

**Civil Preparedness** ensures that key nation’s government functions, can continue during a crisis or in peacetime which could be an emergency or disaster. Recent examples of crisis include flooding, covid-19, extreme heat, terrorist attacks on critical infrastructure. It also means that the civilian sector in Allied nations is ready to provide support to a NATO military operation.

### 3.0 PURPOSE OF THE CIMEX

Each year, the CIMIC Committee delivers a CIMEX on behalf of CIOR; it is a recognized NATO exercise.

The overall purpose of the CIMEX:

1. To provide an opportunity for Reservist Officers from the different Nations that form part of the CIOR to meet and form relationships.
2. To provide the opportunity to learn and share your experience as a CIMIC Reservist Officer.

Each year, we select a different theme for the CIMEX.

This year we have chosen a theme that aligns with the overall theme of the Presidency: Resilience and Reservists. Hence, we will be considering the role of CIMIC Reservist Officers in supporting Governments in Civil Preparedness, the preparation for a crisis.

More specifically, this exercise will be based around how a CIMIC Reservist Officer can support during a pandemic and build resilience. This is very pertinent when we consider the number of crises currently happening around the world for various reasons: Covid-19, significant heat waves, horrendous fires and flooding etc.



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CHALLENGES***



## 4.0 OBJECTIVES

CIMEX key objectives are:

1. To understand NATO view of CIMIC
2. To evaluate the CIMIC Principles
3. To develop an understanding of Resilience and NATO's view
4. To evaluate the role of reservists in a pandemic response and wider resilience challenges
5. To develop and present an analysis of resilience, influence and CIMIC challenges

Each delegate will have an opportunity to expand their learning in the areas identified in the above objectives.

## 5.0 APPROACH – WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT?

The CIMEX programme is split into two key distinct parts.

**Part 01:** An introduction to CIMIC and Civil Preparedness through the experience of our guest speakers.

**Part 02:** An exercise where you will be able to work with the other delegates and discuss the role of the CIMIC Officer in supporting a solution to the challenges set during the exercise.

## 6.0 PROGRAMME

Below is a high-level summary of the planned programme for the CIMEX.

A more detailed programme will be available in the google delegate folder from Tue 20 Jul 21.

The Programme has been developed based on the following factors:

- The start time is later than usual to ensure that all Nations that form part of CIOR are given the opportunity to attend. This means that an early start in Canada/US and later finish in Europe.
- As this is an online CIMEX, we have condensed the programme to ensure that we capture and maintain engagement throughout and as a result will be covering less content than usually covered in a CIMEX.

### CIMEX Programme

CET	13:00		14:00		15:00		16:00		17:00		18:00		19:00
UK	12:00		13:00		14:00		15:00		16:00		17:00		18:00
Canada	07:00		08:00		09:00		10:00		11:00		12:00		13:00

31-Jul-21	Welcome Introductions	Introduction to NATO CIMIC Introduction to Civil Preparedness*	Insights into Civil Preparedness from CIMIC Officers UK CIMIC Officer* NATO Building Integrity* Canadian Civil Preparedness Officer*					Characteristics of a CIMIC Officer	Look forward to
01-Aug-21	Welcome Reflection	Introduction to the Exercise and Setting the Scene*	Exercise					Exercise De-Brief	Closing

\* Guest speaker

\*\* Programme subject to change

\*\*\* Facilitator Lt Col (Retd) Graeme Olley

Please be aware that this programme is subject to change. It is intended that some of the sessions will be recorded so that we can capture the learning and share this with others.

## 7.0 PREPARATION

No specific preparation is required to attend the CIMEX or prior knowledge. It has been designed as a self-contained learning experience. If you would like to learn more about CIMIC or Civil Preparedness prior to the CIMEX, then please refer to the information uploaded in the **google delegate folder**.

Access to the google delegate folder will be provided on registering.

Link to google delegate folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TmJQR3QrCSE-VV85MZaDaKBgEWF1Kd-O?usp=sharing>

## 8.0 WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO ATTEND THE CIMEX?

The only thing that you need during the CIMEX is access to Zoom.

The same Zoom link will be used on both 31 Jul 21 and 01 Aug 21; as shown below.

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94766981729?pwd=ZVNTTkhhdEVOK0orY1UxY2FJakdpdz09>

Meeting ID: 947 6698 1729

Passcode: 646006

## 9.0 OTHER DELEGATES

After reading this delegate pack, if you believe that other colleagues would like to attend then please forward the link so that they are able to join and gain value from this opportunity.

There is no registration fee associated with participating in the CIMEX.

Please note that you do not have to be a CIMIC Reservist Officer to participate. If you are interested, then this is a fantastic continuous professional development (CPD) opportunity, widening your knowledge and understanding of NATO and cells within the NATO HQ.

To register, potential delegates just need to use the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FB752TP>

## 10.0 COMMENT FROM THE CHAIR

Finally, as the Chair of the CIOR CIMIC Committee it is a pleasure to invite you to think the CIMEX and I hope that you will gain some value in attending and on completion start preparing to attend the next CIMEX planned for 2022 that will either be in Greece or Belgium.

Send any direct questions to the following email address: [CIORcimicreservist@gmail.com](mailto:CIORcimicreservist@gmail.com)

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