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(Intro slide with ACT and MILENG COE crests and SACT Rank/Name)

It gives me, in my role as Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, great pleasure to welcome you to the Military Engineering Centre of Excellence, here in Ingolstadt.

Engineering is a vital area of knowledge for our forces, because it provides freedom of action through a large spectrum of capabilities, from gap crossing and environmental protection all the way to airfield damage repair.

Military Engineering is therefore a critical enabler for Joint Operations and a key element for ensuring the responsiveness of our forces in an increasingly contested security environment. That's why it is included in NATO's training and exercises, as was the case during Trident Juncture 15, during which a German Armoured Engineer Battalion, a Portuguese Bridge Company and a Canadian Engineer Battalion were combined to form a multinational engineering regiment. Together they showed that military engineers are an integral part of NATO's capacity, which in turn underpins the Alliance's posture.

I think that our ability to innovate will be another key of our success. And that will require sharing ideas, leveraging technological breakthrough, and preparing future operators... You will have all those opportunities during this course, and I am looking forward to hearing your ideas.

Whether you are taking this course in preparation for assignments as military engineers in the NATO Command or Force Structure or to enhance

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your knowledge of NATO Military Engineering doctrine at the national level, it is important that you make the most of this opportunity and learn as much as possible about Military Engineering within NATO. You will thereby support the Alliance and its objectives, as well as developing your network within the other specialists of our 28 Nations

You will improve the know-how needed in your area of expertise. Actually, the role of my command, ACT, is to work towards improving NATO's posture. Your commitment in this course will allow you to take all your part in ensuring its relevance and credibility. You can contribute to my mission which is to develop, for this posture, a robust foundation based on the six following focus areas: command and control; logistics and sustainability; collective training and exercises; partnership; capabilities; and human resources.

You are part of our Transformational team and I encourage you all to discuss and fully participate throughout this course and would like to close with the Centre's motto '**Interoperability is a Question of Attitude**'.!