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1. SECURITY

Security phases in the DRC

This information is based on the ISMT weekly meeting.

Kinshasa: Phase 2
Bas-Congo: Phase 2
Bandundu: Phase 2
Equateur: Phase 2
Kasai occidental: Phase 2
Kasai Oriental: Phase 3
Province orientale: Phase 3
Ituri: Phase 4
Nord Kivu: Phase 4(Phase 3 in Goma, Beni and Butembo only)
Sud Kivu: Phase 4(Phase 3 in Bukavu only)
Maniema: Phase 4(Phase 3 in Kindu only)
North Katanga: Phase 4
South and Central Katanga: Phase 3

2. AVIATION

Aviation Safety Evaluation

- The Aviation safety evaluation is currently going on until 20 December.
- The evaluation team, that is comprised of DRC Civil Aviation inspectors, United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) and International Air Transport Association (IATA) experts, will evaluate 7 air companies.
- A debriefing with the Humanitarian Coordinator will take place on the 20 December 2005.

For more information check www.unjlc.org or send an e-mail to drc.info@unjlc.org

3. Geographic Information Systems(GIS)

- A meeting of the GIS Working subgroup on Administrative Divisions was held last Wednesday 7 December 2005, at Villa OCHA.
- In order to harmonize the existing databases and integrate more recent information, the working group actually works on the setup of a schedule that will take into account the GIS's technical problems.

4. CUSTOMS

The humanitarian cargo import process is currently impeded by many issues regarding the port of Matadi infrastructure and the import procedures set up by the DRC's Customs authority (Office des Douanes et Accises OFIDA)

- The port is faced with a congestion issue as the container traffic exceeds the capacity of the port.
- The DRC's customs authority (OFIDA) has implemented new inspections procedures. To comply with these new procedures, all containers imported via Matadi have to be inspected contrarily to the previous procedures in which random inspection of a few containers were made. Moreover, mandatory inspection has to be carried out at the port rather than at the consignee storage place.
- The only vehicle scale of the port is broken and needs repair.

UNJLC is in the process to gather more information on customs procedures and bottlenecks in the DRC. A general overview of those procedures is already available at www.unjlc.org

5. COORDINATION

The 2nd Kinshasa Logistics Working Group meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 December at WFP Country Office in Kinshasa.

As agreed during the 1st meeting, the Logistics Working Group will serve as a common information exchange platform. Discussion on each agency's logistics assets is on the agenda of that meeting. Thus, agencies are kindly invited to give back the questionnaires sent by UNJLC via drc.info@unjlc.org before 20 December 2005.