



Lebanon Crisis Coordination Meeting
24 August 2006 – 03:00 pm – San Remo Hotel, Larnaca

Representation included: Cyprus Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Embassy of Lebanon, UNFICYP, OCHA, WFP-UNHAS, UNJLC, WHO, ADC, IMC and World Vision	
Discussion Item	Action Points
<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Cyprus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cyprus Minister of Foreign Affairs is on official visit to Lebanon to express Cyprus's willingness to participate in the relief and recovery mission. • As of Monday, Cyprus Airways will reinstate regular commercial flights to Lebanon. As a result, the French Embassy will no longer accept passengers on air force or navy vessels. 	
<p>Situation in Lebanon - UNFICYP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ceasefire is holding but remains fragile. The EU has committed to deploying 50% of the required 15,000 international peacekeeping troops within the week. • Italy has expressed its willingness to lead the operation, however it has made this offer contingent on the ceasefire being upheld. • The Netherlands and Greece have committed naval troops. • The massive oil spill caused early in the conflict by the bombing of a power station remains a serious environmental hazard. • Land routes have been reopened between Syria and Lebanon. • Hezbollah has called for countries to break the IDF blockade on Lebanon by bringing ships and aircraft into the country without pre-advice or authorization. • UXO remains a major issue in the south. • UNFICYP has requested that UN staff be aware of restrictions when traveling to the north of Cyprus. These include not photographing military installations and avoiding certain roads. For more information please contact UNFICYP. 	

Agencies

OCHA

- OCHA is downsizing its operation in Cyprus to two staff members, who will remain available for any requests or issues the humanitarian community may wish to address.

Logistics Cluster

UNJLC

- Total Cargo Movement Requests (CMR) from Cyprus to Beirut have reached 1,200 MT. 800 MT have been moved to date with another 400 booked for transport on the next sailing of the Anamcara planned for Saturday, August 26. For CMR forms and procedures please see www.unjlc.org/lebanon.
- UNJLC is providing maps in service of the humanitarian community, including constantly updated Hazard to Movement maps. For more information and downloads please see www.unjlc.org/lebanon.
- UNJLC now has a representative present in the newly-established hub of Tyre.

WFP-UNHAS

Reported Previous Week:

1. Runways at Beirut International:
 - Rwy 16/34 – status quo, repairs in progress
 - Rwy 17/35 – repairs almost completed expected release date 27th August 2006
 - RWY 03/21 – status quo, repairs in progress
2. Slot Procedures status quo, completed but currently not activated
3. Re-fuelling in Beirut – full capability but limited to strategic use by Lebanon Government due to limited JET A1 available in country

Current Report:

1. The Israeli air blockade is still in place
2. Meeting with Director Civil Aviation Lebanon (CATO and WFP UNHAS CATO) was very positive. Visits to Beirut International facilities confirmed full 24hr capability, max effort to get runways serviceable and the capability to cope with the current air situation prevailing in Lebanese airspace. Daily incursions by Israeli aircraft are monitored on the primary radar and if necessary the lateral separation of humanitarian/commercial flights is increased from 5nm to 10nm. The unmanned surveillance aircraft in the area do not appear on the primary radar and will

<p>remain an airspace problem as long as the Israelis continue with these violations of sovereign Lebanese airspace.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The meeting with the Lebanese DCA (Directorate Civil Aviation) authorities gave a better understanding of the current problem and confirmed their commitment to ensure as far as possible safe passage of all flights to and from Beirut International. All agreed that it would serve no purpose to institute a slot system at Beirut International and the system developed by WFP UNHAS/ICAO should remain dormant and available to deploy to Beirut if the situation (abnormal increase in air traffic/resumption of hostilities). To this purpose office space has been identified and allocated for a WFP UNHAS Air Cell inside the ATC facilities at Beirut International. 4. Waivers for the applicable air charges for UN Chartered aircraft have been submitted through the respective channels in both Cyprus and Lebanon. 5. WFP UNHAS is managing/tasking two TRANSALL C160 medium lift aircraft from the German air force. Freight can be booked (7 tones/flight volume permitting) through UNJLC. Emergency passenger seats (2) can be negotiated on a case by case basis by the CATO with the German Liaison Officer in Larnaca. 6. Authorisation has to be obtained for agencies to travel on military aircraft. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was advised that food donations can only be transported through the Logistics Cluster CMR procedure if and when the GoL accepts the donation. The Lebanese High Relief Commission must authorize any food transport before a CMR request can be filed. Please email relief@pcm.gov.lb • The RoRo Anamcara is currently unloading in Tyre, after which it will return to Larnaca to reload. She will then proceed to Beirut on Saturday and then Mersin on Monday to take on board 1,000 MT of goods for ICRC as well as 1,000 MT of rice for WFP. • The Anamcara will do one more round trip at the start of September. The ship will then be redelivered on September 5th. • The catamaran Vittoria continues its passenger service between Cyprus and Beirut. Schedules and booking procedures can be found on the UNJLC website at www.unjlc.org/lebanon. 	
<p>WHO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO is changing its logistics supply chain due to the current ceasefire. The majority of items will be transported by land through Syria. • WHO Cyprus will maintain a presence in Larnaca for another month. 	

<p>UNHCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHCR has a consignment of ten trucks, ten Rubbhalls, NFI items and telecom equipment arriving in Cyprus for transport to Lebanon. 	
<p>NGOs/IOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICRC expressed thanks to the Logistics Cluster for the transport assistance it has been providing since the second ICRC vessel was lost to engine failure. • ICRC noted that the situation in Lebanon is changing fast and organizations must remain adaptable to the specific needs of the situation. With the return of most of those displaced during the conflict, ICRC's feeding program will briefly go from 40,000 to 65,000. However it noted the importance of not continuing programs beyond the period of necessity since this can damage the local market structure. • Water and electricity remains an issue in many areas, and there could be a risk of health problems due to the remains of dead animals. 	
<p>Donors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFID is bringing in bailey bridges to help ease transport problems due to the loss of infrastructure. The first and second batches will be transported on the last sailing of the Anamcara. The third and fourth batches will be transported by ship and are due to reach Lebanon in 2 – 4 weeks. 	

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday August 24, 2006** at 03:00 pm at the San Remo Hotel, William Shakespeare #1, Larnaca