



1. Situation update.

The MIC expert team working on site informed that the harbour and marina in Byblos were cleaned except from some minor oil slicks which need to be cleaned by the handheld tools and an absorbent boom.

Cleaning operations have also started in Fishermen's Wharf.

First of the two visual aerial surveillance flights took place today and tomorrow (28 and 29 August). MIC will inform you about the findings of this mission as soon as they are available.

2. Update on offered assistance.

Finland offered marine pollution assistance to Lebanon (four ready equipped 21 foot sea containers for shoreline booming and for sheltered waters oil recovery, each containing about 350 meters light boom to shelter shoreline, necessary robes, anchors and buoys, a small brush skimmer with a power pack, a temporary storage basin of 4 cubic meters, absorbent and protective gear for 4 persons). The offer was accepted by the Lebanese Minister of Environment on 26 August 2006. The assistance will be shipped as soon as possible.

Spanish assistance has already been shipped to Lebanon. It includes:

- 3 containers with equipment from the Spanish Maritime Safety Agency (booms, skimmers etc);
- 2 containers with equipment from the Spanish International Cooperation Agency (boots, shovels, gloves etc).

It will reach the port of Lattakia (Syria) on the 6/7 September. The arrival date in Beirut has not been confirmed yet.

Sweden is considering offering marine pollution assistance to the Lebanon. In order to tailor the offer in the most appropriate way two Swedish experts were deployed to Beirut.

3. Request for assistance.

The request for a specialised aircraft for in-depth analysis as specified by the MIC message 12 remains open.

We attach the most recent satellite pictures of the pollution provided by the JRC as well as the overview of the Italian humanitarian assistance to Lebanon we received on 25 August.

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