



1. SITUATION

Based on the air surveys made on August 28th and 29th (*survey report attached*) and on the radar images printed and analysed by the Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC), the MIC assessment and coordination team on site concluded **that that there is no collectable free oil floating at sea.**

They also estimate that there is no need for additional air survey as earlier requested. *All participants in the OSOCC meeting yesterday concurred with this appraisal.*

The results of the two aerial assessments made on August 29th showed that there are still large quantities of collectable oil in three or more confined areas. The oil in these areas is containing huge quantities of garbage, making recovery extremely difficult. Different approaches have been discussed and some specialised equipment might be requested.

The shoreline from Jiye power station to Tripoli is relatively polluted. Beach cleaning needs to be organised. A detailed assessment to prioritize the sites has started yesterday.

The MIC Marine Pollution Assessment and Coordination (MPAC) team, the Swedish and French experts on site have made guidelines and an overall plan for the clean-up of the beaches. It has been submitted to the Lebanese Ministry of Environment. The EC MPAC-Team has prepared a training program on organising and undertaking the beach cleaning. The first training session is to be conducted shortly.

Traces of sunken oil have been found in the areas near Jiye power station and in several places along the coastline. A closer examination is needed. Italian experts are working on a plan for underwater survey of the coastline and they will make a suggestion for an **action plan.**

Today one member of the MPAC team has attended a trip to Jbail (Byblos) with the Lebanese Ministry of Environment to check the status of the ongoing cleaning of the seafront between the harbour and the marina. The team advised again that all the floating oil should be removed.

2. RESPONSE OF THE AFFECTED COUNTRY

As mentioned in earlier reports.

3. EU & INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

Equipment provided by Norway has been used by several teams to retrieve oil from confined areas with the equipment received from Norway.

The French equipment has arrived and the French team has started to give trainings at Ramlah Baida Beach, using the French and Norwegian equipment.

Equipment from Spain is expected to arrive in Lattika on 10/11 September.

Different solutions for transport are being considered for delivering the Finnish assistance.

Please let us know if your country considers offering any assistance!

4. REQUIREMENTS

The MPAC team estimates that the equipment mentioned above is sufficient to manage the oil floating in the water (confined areas and in the surf on beaches). **When the equipment offered by Spain and Finland is received, the need for skimmers and booms is met.**

There might be a need for additional equipment for beach and rock cleaning and some specialized equipment. **The specially equipped plane for aerial surveillance is no longer** needed as indicated in the MIC message number 15.

Protective gloves, paper suits and waders are still needed. Absorbent booms and patches will be needed. Quantities will follow as soon as possible. The list of received and offered equipment has been updated and is attached to this message.