# Logistics Cluster – Libya

## Meeting Minutes

**TRIPOLI, Libya**

9 November 2011

| **Chair:** Logistics Cluster Coordinator |
| **Participants:** Logistics Cluster, IMC, WFP, UNHCR, UNHAS, ICAO (skype from Montreal), DRC |

### Action Points:

- The Logistics Cluster will update the 'northafrica.logs' email list to include new contacts - **DONE**
- The Logistics Cluster will advise partners on visa requirements for staff – **ONGOING**
- The Logistics Cluster will provide a list of freight forwarding agents for Tripoli - **ONGOING**

### Agenda:

1. **Review of Action Points from Last Week’s Meeting**
2. **Tour de Table: Organisations’ Operational Plans**
3. **Update on Transport and Storage**
4. **UNHAS Update**
5. **AOB**

### Review of Action Points

- The visa and customs situation in Libya is still unclear, especially concerning multi-entry and residents’ visas. Interim arrangements exist among most agencies and organisations although official requirements are yet to be confirmed by the Government.

### Tour de Table

**Logistics Cluster**

- Provided an update from MAG – The overall road condition between Misrata and Benghazi is good. Around Sirte, the roads show some damage with minor traffic constraints and localised fuel shortages have been reported in the Sirte area.

**UNHCR**

- 5,000 kitchen sets are planned to be transported from Cairo to Libya.
- UNHCR’s planned road cargo movement (11 trucks) from Tunisia arrived successfully to Benghazi. No escort was needed for the entire trip.

### Update on Transport and Storage

- A commercial shipping service has commenced between Malta and Tripoli. The CF Azzura is operated by Mediterranean Maritime Services Ltd, and can carry passengers, cargo and vehicles. A schedule and price list will be shared through the mailing list.
- WFP, through the Logistics Cluster, continues to offer road transport services on a cost recovery basis from Egypt and Tunisia into and within Libya.
- UNHCR are organizing the withdrawal of their last items from the Benghazi – Ghanfouda warehouse.

### UNHAS/Aviation Update

- Funding for UNHAS remains an issue. Under current funding, UNHAS will cease operations mid-November. Efforts are being made to secure further funding.

**Update:** UNHAS announced that the cost recovery mechanism, started on 01 November, will be extended until the end of the current month, as further fundings has been successfully resourced.

- Alitalia commenced flights into Mitiga Airport Tripoli. Tickets cannot be currently purchased online.
- Turkish Airlines is said to have landed at Tripoli International Airport.
- ICAO notified participants that Qatar Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Royal Jordanian and Alitalia have all reported to be resuming operations into Libya with a focus on Benghazi and Mitiga. While Tripoli International Airport had been declared closed, Libya had recently broadcast that it was open but with fire services downgraded to category 8.
- ICAO also informed participants that communications between Malta ATC and Libya ATC have improved significantly and normal operations, including overflights, should resume place in 2-3 weeks.
- UNHCR enquired about air-cargo services – most airlines flying into Tripoli and Benghazi also run air-cargo services and therefore, requests should be made directly to those.

### LOGISTICS CLUSTER EXIT STRATEGY
- The Logistics Cluster will be scaling down operations over the coming period, as partners develop their own capacities and commercial services resume. In accordance with this the Logistics Cluster Exit Strategy was presented as the following:
  - The Logistics Cluster will cease dedicated operations in Benghazi as of 16 November 2011.
  - The Logistics Cluster cell in Tripoli will be operational till late December, however, the last coordination meeting will be held on 30 November 2011. Further to this, Logistics Cluster coordination will continue on a bilateral, case by case basis.
  - The provision of cost-recovery road transport will cease at the end of November. The last dispatch will depart on 28 November.
  - An updated Logistics Capacity Assessment for Libya will be shared prior to closure.

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