LOCATION: Kyiv, Ukraine

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CHAIR: Logistics Cluster Coordinator

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AGENDA:
1. Update of services provided in July- August
2. Access constraints
3. AOB

ACTION POINTS:
For better planning purpose, organizations to share with the Logistics Cluster information on their pipeline.

1. Update on services provided
   - Between 14th July and 11th August, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated three convoys for a total of 1090 MT/1232 m3 of cargo.
   - The Logistics Cluster shared the results of the mission to Donetsk, Luhansk and Kramatorsk. The scope of the mission was to facilitate a convoy of 23 trucks, and to conduct a meeting with the OCHA representative and a representative from the state Fiscal Services Authority to discuss the Temporary Order #415 on movements of humanitarian cargo. The discussion focused primarily on possible changes to the order’s chapter on humanitarian cargo border crossings; however, no agreement has been reached. The Logistics Cluster noted that until the procedure is formalised through the amendment of Order #415, a simplified procedure for Logistics Cluster’s facilitated cargo will be in place.

2. Access constraints
   - Possible development of negotiations on simplifying access procedures for humanitarian organisations to Non-Government Controlled Areas (NGCAs) were discussed.
   - The Logistics Cluster explained to participants the current procedure for border crossings. The following documents are required from crossing from GCAs to NGCAs:
     - One copy of the Degree from the ministry of Social policy;
     - Goods delivery note;
     - Permit for shipping goods to Anti-Terrorist Operation (ATO) area;
     - ATO zone entry permit for each driver;
     - Packing list with cargo details.
• The Logistics Cluster shared the following information:
  - Kurakhove checkpoint has not been approved by the Fiscal Services Authority for humanitarian cargo crossing;
  - Novotroitskoye remains the only checkpoint equipped for cargo transportation, and the Logistics Cluster confirmed they will continue to facilitate transport of cargo across this checkpoint;
  - Zaitseve will serve as a backup checkpoint.
• The checkpoints’ equipment is a matter for possible future negotiation with the local authorities.
• The Logistics Cluster informed that Fiscal Services Authority might allow convoys of up to 25-30 trucks in to pass through checkpoints. However, issues may be risen by private truck companies when required to provide a large number of trucks to cross into NGCA. Seasonality should also be taken into consideration because the volume capacity for cargo passing through checkpoints decreases towards winter time due to weather conditions.
• The Logistics Cluster informed that, if necessary, convoy capacity can be augmented up to 2-3 convoys per week. However, given the current situation at checkpoints, variations may occur from week to week. The Logistics Cluster stressed that strong coordination among organisations using the convoys is needed.

3. AOB

• The Logistics Cluster Coordinator informed participants that, he will be out of the country during the month of September. The temporary Logistics Cluster’s Officer in Charge will be Andriy Nechay (Andriy.nechay@wfp.org).
• The Logistics Cluster announced that they will conduct an additional survey at the end of October for further decision-making concerning the possible scale down of the operation in Ukraine.
• For better planning purposes, organisations are kindly asked to provide the information on the volume of cargo planned to be facilitated through Logistics Cluster.

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