

# Newsletter



## TANKER XELO SINKING - UPDATE

The Tunisian's Ministry of National Defence published on Thursday, 21 April 2022, a press release detailing the evolution of interventions at the sinking area of the Tanker Xelo that occurred on Saturday, 16 April 2022; in the offshore of the Gulf of Gabes in south-eastern coast of Tunisia.

The Departement of National Defence indicated that detailed photography operations of the vessel and the network of fuel pumping have been completed in view for its extraction. In addition, all the minor leaks detected during the first diving operations have been pumped and their origins were recapped. A luminous pannel have been installed to indicate the sinking location of the Xelo tanker in order to ensure the safety of navigation. It's also stated that an intervention plan for the pumping of the Gas Oil from the tanks was finalized in coordination with Tunisian private companies that will be in charge of the operations.

According to the same press release, the unloading operations of the gas oil from the tanks should begin in the next few days ; waiting for the improvement of the weather, winds and swell.

All these operations were conducted in full cooperation between the Tunisian Navy, the Office of Merchant Marine and the Ports (OMMP), the Tunisian private companies working in Marine field and an Italian patrol vessel, indicated by the Department of National Defence.

## UIA SURVEY 2022 – COVID 19 IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS



22 April 2022, The Union of International Associations (UIA) invited MOIG to participate in its Survey 2022 – COVID 19 Impact on International Association Meetings.

UIA is a not-for-profit research institute founded in 1907 to promote and document the work of international associations. Its primary task is the collection and dissemination of information on international associations, fulfilled largely by its two main publications: the Yearbook of International Organizations (<https://uia.org/projects/open-yearbook>), and the International Congress Calendar (<https://uia.org/projects/open-calendar>).

The UIA also promotes the work of international associations by organizing surveys such as this one, and educational activities such as the Round Table (<https://uia.org/roundtable>).

MOIG has been registered in the UIA's Yearbook of International Organizations in 2000 and sends every year to UIA an update on its activities, members, technical partners, publications, Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) and Non Governmental Organizations NGO relations.

The COVID 19 pandemic has tremendous impacts on the global travel and meetings industry and on the meetings behaviour of international associations.

This special UIA Survey 2022–COVID 19 Impact on International Association Meetings focused on the changed approach of associations, when planning and organizing their international events.

MOIG responded to UIA survey which included 19 questions related to holding of major international meetings, numbers of delegates, cancelling, postponing and rescheduling of major events in 2021-2022, the impact of the pandemic situation on the use of the social media, the issues of the technologies challenges, the impact of the pandemic and its effects on MOIG.