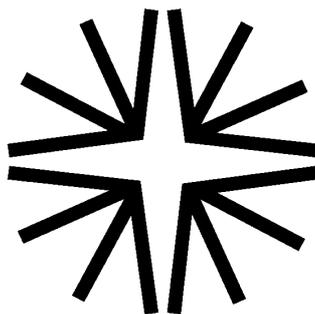


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## **EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 2 ON THE FOREST FIRES - PORTUGAL**

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### 1. Update on the Situation

1.1 The Civil Emergency Planning National Council of Portugal has informed the EADRCC that the overall situation has slightly improved during the last 24 hours. However, the forest fires have continued to affect the entire central region of Portugal and the temperature, in accordance with the forecast will exceed 40 degrees of Celsius.

### 2. The most affected cities/villages are as follows:

Santarem district: Amlals de Cima (Pemes)  
Vale de Serra (Torres Novas)

### 3. As far as the national response is concerned as of 7 August 2003

- 1149 firemen;
- 379 military personnel;
- 851 National Republican Guard personnel;
- 262 vehicles and
- 43 planes/helicopters (7 international, 36 national)

participated in fire fighting operations.

### 4. International response



4.1 In addition to Morocco's airplanes (1 C-130, 3 Turbostrush), the German assistance (3 helicopters with 21 personnel from Federal Border Police) was deployed 6 August 2003 and is operating in Coimbra region, 200 km north of Lisbon.

4.2 Belgium, USA, and Switzerland have offered other type of assistance.

5. Outstanding Requirements for Assistance:

**5.1 Due to the fact that the two Italian Canadairs have returned to Italy, Portugal has increased its urgent appeal to the international community for a total of six (6) Canadairs (amphibious airplane) or heavy helicopters with fire fighting equipment.**

6. Contact information

6.1 The Point of Contact is:

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7. Coordinated Response

7.1 With a view to providing a coordinated response to the remaining requirements of the stricken nation, nations in a position to meet these requirements, in full or in part, are invited to reply to the Point of Contact of the stricken nation, with an information copy to the EADRCC, by any of the means of communication listed below:

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