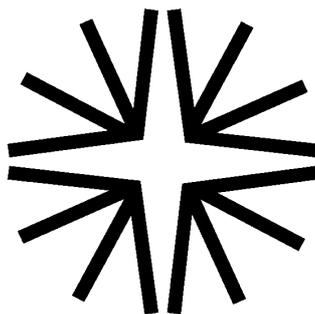


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EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 3 ON THE FOREST FIRES - PORTUGAL

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1. Update on the Situation

1.1 The Civil Emergency Planning National Council of Portugal has informed the EADRCC that 7 August started quietly, but the overall situation changed during the second half of the afternoon due to hot stormy weather and inland temperatures over 40°. There were 15 new fires and at 18h00 all together 26 non-circumscribed forest fires.

1.2 The most affected districts are as follows:

Castelo Branco
Braganca
Guarda
Portalegre
Viseu
Vlana do Castelo
Santarem district

2. National response situation 7 August 2003:

- 2449 firemen;



- 750 military personnel;
- 651 National Republican Guard personnel;
- 649 vehicles and
- 44 planes/helicopters (8 international, 36 national)

participated in fire fighting operations.

3. International response

3.1 In addition to Morocco's airplanes (1 C-130, 3 Turbotrush) and the German helicopters (3 helicopters with 21 personnel from Federal Border Police), Spain has provided one Canadair, deployed 7 August at 1430GMT operating in Castello Branco district.

3.2 Russia has offered 2 planes (IL-76) and 2 helicopters (Mi-8). Negotiations between Russia and Portugal are under way.

3.3 A team of volunteer UK firefighting experts is due to arrive in Portugal today 8 August. They will be working in cooperation with the Portuguese Fire Brigade and Civil Emergency Service.

3.4 USA has offered financial assistance and assessment teams.

3.5 Belgium and Switzerland have offered other type of assistance.

4. Outstanding Requirements for Assistance:

Portugal still appeals to the international community for firefighting airplanes and helicopters.

5. Contact information

5.1 The Point of Contact is:

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6. Coordinated Response

6.1 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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