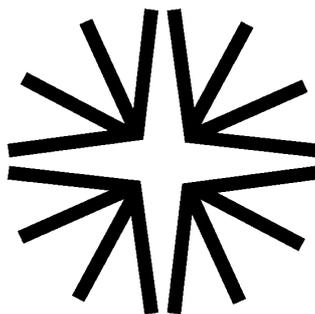


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EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 4 ON THE FOREST FIRES – Portugal

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1. Update on the Situation

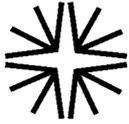
1.1 The Civil Emergency Planning National Council of Portugal has informed the EADRCC that the situation during the weekend was calm. On a case-by-case basis, personnel were withdrawn from the operational field. This morning, there were still a few fires that were not under control. The estimated burnt area as of Sunday, 10 August was 162 000 hectares. New data about the burnt areas will be available this week. A new assessment for the need of international assistance will be made next Wednesday, 13 August.

1.2 The most affected districts are as follows:

Portalegre
Vila Real
Braga
Guarda

2. National response situation 11 August 2003:

- 387 firemen;
- 250 military personnel;



- 35 National Republican Guard personnel;
- 231 vehicles; and
- 44 planes/helicopters (8 international, 36 national)

participated in fire fighting operations.

3. International response

3.1 Morocco's airplanes (1 C-130, 3 Turbotrush), the German helicopters (3 helicopters with 21 personnel from Federal Border Police) and the Spanish Canadair are still operating in the stricken areas.

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

3.3 Belarus has offered 2 helicopters MI-26T and personnel with experience in forest fire fighting. However, problems with international certificates remain to be solved.

3.4 Belgium, UK, USA 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.

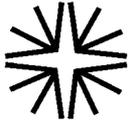
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6. Coordinated Response

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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