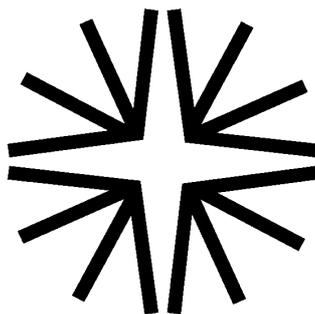


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## EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 5 ON THE FOREST FIRES - PORTUGAL

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### 1. Update on the Situation

1.1 The Civil Emergency Planning National Council of Portugal has informed the EADRCC that there are four active forest fires in the country. The most serious one is affecting the District of Faro where the majority of personnel and equipment are mobilised. Some villages had to be evacuated during the night.

**There is still a need for fire fighting airplanes and helicopters.**

### 1.2 The most affected districts are as follows:

Faro  
Guarda

### 2. National response situation 12 August 2003:

- 860 firemen;
- 275 military personnel;
- 35 National Republican Guard personnel;
- 231 vehicles; and
- 43 planes/helicopters (7 international, 36 national)

participated in fire fighting operations.

### 3. International response

3.1 Morocco's airplanes (1 C-130, 3 Turbotrush) and the German helicopters (3 helicopters with 21 personnel from Federal Border Police). While the Spanish Canadair has returned to Spain this morning, Spain has offered a replacement.



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

3.3 Belarus has offered 2 helicopters MI-26T and personnel with experience in forest fire fighting. Unfortunately it was not possible to overcome the problem of international certificates.

3.4 Belgium, UK, USA and Switzerland have offered/provided 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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