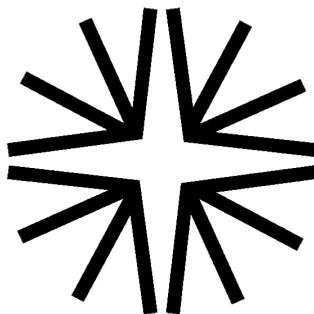


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EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 6 ON THE FOREST FIRES - PORTUGAL

1. Update on the Situation

1.1 The Civil Emergency Planning National Council of Portugal has informed the EADRCC that there are still active forest fires in the country. However, the situation this morning was calmer compared to yesterday. The most serious fires are affecting the District of Faro where the majority of personnel and equipment are mobilised. According to the Forestry Directorate-General the estimated burnt area up to now is 215 000 hectares.

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

1.2 The most affected districts are as follows:

Faro

Castelo Branco

2. National response situation 13 August 2003:

- 738 firemen;
- 312 military personnel;
- 69 National Republican Guard personnel;
- 193 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). The Spanish Canadair returned to Spain Wednesday morning. Spain offered a replacement. The plane has yet to arrive.

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 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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