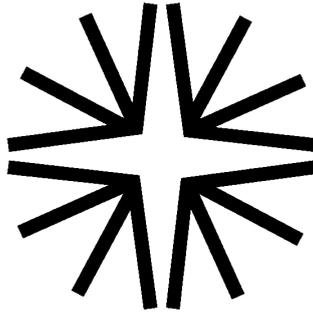


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## **EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 7 ON THE FOREST FIRES - PORTUGAL**

### 1. Update on the Situation

1.1 Information reported by the Civil Emergency Planning National Council of Portugal indicate a slight lowering of temperature and increased humidity across the country for the past two days. Light rain and showers are expected along the coastal area in the northern half of the country. Temperatures are forecasted to continue lowering while winds of up to 35 kph from the Northwest are expected along the coast, South of Lisbon and in the Algarve region. There were still 25 active fires with the most worrisome being in the Algarve. Overall, the situation has improved slightly.

1.2 So far, it has been reported that 17 persons have died as a result of the forest fires.

1.3 The most affected districts remain as follows:

Faro

Castelo Branco

2. National response situation as of 15 August 2003:

- 1,070 firemen;
- 240 military personnel;
- 69 National Republican Guard personnel;
- 338 vehicles and 35 bulldozers; and
- 43 planes/helicopters (7 international, 36 national)

3. International response

3.1 Morocco's airplanes (1 C-130, 3 Turbotrush) are expected to return home today. The German assistance (3 helicopters with 21 personnel from the Federal Border Police) will continue operating in Portugal. The Spanish Canadair has returned to Spain and has not been replaced.

3.2 Negotiations are ongoing for the provision by Russia of 2 planes (IL-76) and 2 helicopters (Mi-8).



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

4. Outstanding Requirements for Assistance: At the present time, Portugal has suspended its requirement for assistance with air assets.

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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