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EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 1 FOREST FIRES IN ALBANIA

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1. Situation update:

1.1. The general situation throughout Albania continues to be very serious, since new fires have started and the existing ones continue to burn. Fire fighting operations are being carried out and joint efforts are being made in order to face this emergency situation. While small and medium scale fires have been successfully dealt with, large scale fires are still burning in various forest areas, especially in: National Park in Valbona valley by the Kosovian and Montenegrin borders, in Trull-Surroj area near city of Kukes, in the national park of Lura in the region of Diber, in Gwrmenji forests near city of Erseke by the Greek border, in the forests of Fan and Kacinar in the region of Mirdita.

2. Resources available for disaster response and measures taken:

2.1. All available resources, local and national, are activated to cope with the disaster situation. An Interministerial Committee has been established and is chaired by the deputy Prime Minister. The operations are being led by the Emergency Steering Staff. In the twelve prefectures regional emergency management committees have been established. Fire fighters, armed forces personnel and forest service personnel operate at the various disaster sites.

2.2. Germany, through a private company, offered 1 helicopter with flexible water bucket. Albania accepted the offer and is negotiating with the company.

2.3. Eleven EAPC countries have informed the EADRCC that, regrettably, they do not possess the requested capabilities or that the capabilities are not available at this moment.

**2.4. There is still an urgent need for international assistance:**

	Description	Effective Date	Quantity	Duration
2.4.	Firefighting helicopters with buckets	26 Jul 07, ASAP	2	7 days

3. Point of Entry: Tirana International Airport

4. The Operational Point of Contact in Albania can be reached in the following ways:

Name:	Duty Officer
Organisation:	General Directorate for Civil Emergencies, Ministry of Interior, Republic of Albania
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5. Response co-ordination

5.1. With a view to providing a coordinated response to the stricken nation's requirements, nations in a position to meet these demands, in full or in part, are invited to reply to the Operational Point of Contact of the Stricken Nation, with an information copy to EADRCC, by any of the communication means listed above and below.

5.2 The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) in Geneva and the European Union MIC have been informed by the same communication.

5.3 The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre can be reached in the following ways:

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