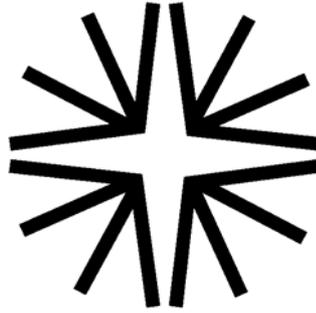


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## **EADRCC URGENT DISASTER ASSISTANCE REQUEST FOREST FIRES IN BULGARIA**

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From: : Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre  
To : Points of Contact for International Disaster Response in NATO and  
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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 21 July 2007, a disaster assistance request from Bulgaria dated 20 July 2007 20:00 UTC. The following information was provided.

### 2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster : **Forest Fires**  
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : **During the week 16 to 21 July 2007**  
Location of the Disaster : **Near Stara Zagora city**

2. Initial Assessment of the damage and description of the situation.

2.1. Approximately 300 fires have been burning during the week, affecting approximately 1.000.000 hectare. At the moment, 5 large fires and more than 30 smaller ones are still burning. The largest fire near Stara Zagora city is affecting a mountainous region of 300.000 hectare where the use of standard fire fighting equipment is ineffective. The situation is not under control and assistance is urgently needed as soon as possible.

3. National resources available for disaster response and measures taken.

3.1. All available recourses, local and national fire services, from Civil Protection and Ministry of Defence are activated and work in the affected regions. A National Crisis Staff was established under the Minister of Interior.

4. **The following requirements for international assistance have been identified:**



	Description	Effective Date	Quantity	Duration
4.1	Firefighting helicopters with buckets	21 Jul 07, ASAP	4	For 3 days
4.2.	Firefighting airplane	21 Jul 07, ASAP	2	For 3 days

## 5. Points of Entry:

### 5.1. Airport Sofia, Airport Varna, Airport Burgas, Airport Krumovo

## 6. The Operational Point of Contact in Bulgaria can be reached in the following ways:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Duty Officer</b>
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<b>Operating hours:</b>	<b>24/7</b>

## 9. Response co-ordination.

9.1. 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.

10.1. 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.

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

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