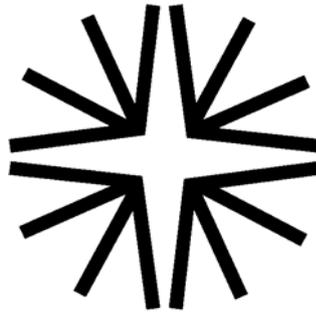


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EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 1 FOREST FIRES IN BULGARIA

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1. The Bulgarian Authorities have provided the following situation update:

1.1. The fire fighting efforts continue with all available resources from local and national fire services, Civil Protection and Ministry of Defence being employed. The Governors in several regions and districts have declared "state of disaster". The fires near Stara Zagora are still threatening populated areas.

1.2. The fire fighting efforts have yielded some success since winds have calmed down and since 20 July, several fires have been extinguished or are contained. The situation is being closely monitored by local and state authorities.

1.3. The forecast for 22 July is for calm weather with temperatures ranging between 37 and 42 degrees centigrade. Hence, spreading of the still raging fires and the starting of new ones is not expected.

2. The following international assistance had been requested:

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



3. **Points of Entry:** Airport Sofia, Airport Varna, Airport Burgas, Airport Krumovo

4. **Assistance offered or provided by EAPC nations:**

4.1. The Russian Federation is providing, on a bilateral basis, one fire fighting airplane with a capacity of 40 tones of water/retardant. The plane is scheduled to join the fire fighting efforts near Stara Zagora on 21 July at 16.00 UTC.

4.2. The Republic of Turkey has offered a fire-fighting helicopter, which is stationed in Edrine close to the Bulgarian border. The Bulgarian authorities have accepted the offer and have requested that the helicopter be kept on stand-by.

4.3. Nine 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.

5. **The Operational Point of Contact in Bulgaria can be reached in the following ways:**

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6. **Response co-ordination.**

6.1. 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.

6.2. 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.

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

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