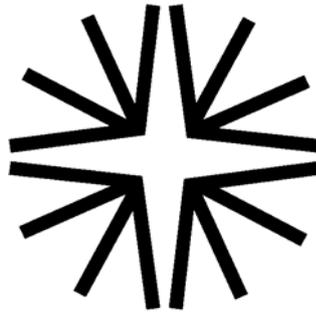


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## EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 2 FOREST FIRES IN BULGARIA

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### 1. The Bulgarian Authorities have provided the following situation updates:

- 1.1. The fire fighting efforts continue with all available resources from local and national fire services, Civil Protection and the Ministry of Defence being employed. **The “state of disaster” was declared also for the Harmanli region, after a large scale fire started to burn there.**
- 1.2. The fire fighting efforts have yielded some success and many smaller fires have been extinguished or are contained. The situation is being closely monitored by local and state authorities.
- 1.3. The forecast for the weather predicts rising temperatures, ranging between 43 and 45 degrees centigrade.

### 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 was scheduled to join the fire fighting efforts near Stara Zagora on 21 July at 16.00 UTC. **After fighting the fires in the Stara Zagora region on 22 July, the Russian aircraft, on 23 July, has been re-located to join the fire fighting efforts in the region of Harmanli.**

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. **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.

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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