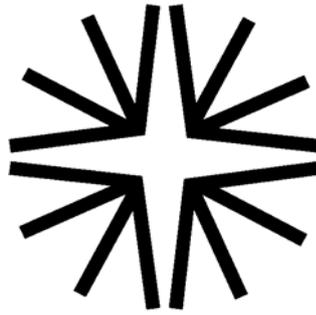


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EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 4 FOREST FIRES IN BULGARIA

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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” that was declared for the Harmanli region has now also been declared for the territory of Svilengrad, after raging fires started to burn there. The situation in the country is still very serious. In the district of Pazardzhik 300 hectares forest are burning.**

1.2. **Also private helicopters take part in the fire fighting efforts.** The situation is being closely monitored by local and state authorities.

1.3. Temperatures have reached peak values on 24 July with up to 45 degrees centigrade. **The forecast predicts 2-3 degrees lower temperatures for the next days. However, strong winds are blowing which makes spreading of fires more likely.**

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 has been providing, on a bilateral basis, one IL-76 fire fighting airplane. **The airplane arrived in Bulgaria on 21 July. On 22 July, it made 9 fire-fighting flights and dropped 378 tons of water. On 23 July, the plane made another 6 flights and dropped 252 tons of water. On 24 July, 3 additional fire-fighting flights took place, with 6 water drops releasing 126 tons of water. The aircraft has now completed its mission in Bulgaria and has been relocated to another theatre.**

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. **Thirteen** 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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