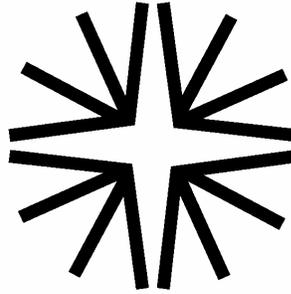


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EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 5 FOREST FIRES IN BULGARIA

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

2. 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 situation is still serious. Fires are spreading very fast and many populated areas are endangered. The State of disaster is still ongoing in 4 municipalities of the country. More than 100 fires are registered and part of them are in mountainous regions where the use of standard fire fighting equipment is ineffective. 9 fire fighters have been wounded and one citizen has died, 12 houses were burned. The largest fires near Stara Zagora city are still ongoing. Glasshouses and forest protecting belt in the municipality of Maglizh have burned.**

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

1.2. **Because of the dry weather some regions suffer from drought. State of disaster has already been declared in the Municipality of Kozloduy. The expected crops are times below the average for a year. A number of villages in the District of Targovishte are without water supply. Water-carriers are provided by Civil protection.**

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:**

5. The Russian Federation, on a bilateral basis, provided one IL-76 fire fighting airplane, arriving on 21 July. The airplane performed 18 fire-fighting flights, dropping 756 tons of water. On 24 July, the aircraft completed its mission in Bulgaria and was relocated to another theatre.

5.1. The Republic of Turkey, on 21 July, offered a fire-fighting helicopter, which has been accepted by Bulgaria on 25 July. However, in the meantime the helicopter has been already sent to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹

5.2. **Fifteen** 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.

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

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7. Response co-ordination.

7.1. 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.

7.2. 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.

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

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