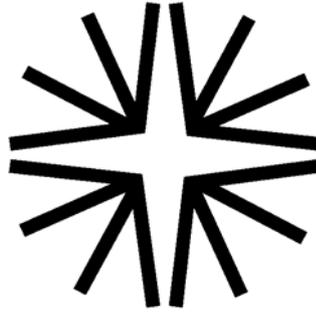


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**EADRCC URGENT DISASTER ASSISTANCE REQUEST
FOREST FIRES IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAV
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA¹**

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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 24 July 2007, a disaster assistance request from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ transmitted at 23 Jul 23:42 UTC. The following information was provided.

2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster : **Forest Fires**
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : **Starting on 13 July till today**
Location of the Disaster : **Bratim Dol, Velusina, Snegovo, Bitula,
Oslomej-Kicevo, Lakavica, Gostivar, Zelino,
Tetovo, Kozjak**

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

2.1. Approximately 13 bigger fires have been burning since last week, affecting approximately 3.000 hectares of forest and 32 municipalities. The Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ on 18 July declared a crisis situation. Fires in three critical locations are burning out of control; KOZJAK-DUM where the power station of the Kozjak lake is severely endangered; ZELINO village close to Tetovo; KATLANOVO, 15 km SE of Skopje. There is an urgent need for air intervention because the use of standard fire fighting equipment is ineffective, since the disaster area is mountainous.

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

3.1. All available resources, local and national, are activated to cope with the disaster situation; approximately 420 military personnel, 3 airplanes (privately owned), 2 Army

¹ Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name



helicopters as well as an undetermined number of fire fighters and local personnel are being employed. Also NGOs and public enterprises have joined the fire fighting activities.

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

| | Description | Effective Date | Quantity | Duration |
|-----|-----------------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| 4.1 | Firefighting aircraft | 24 Jul ASAP | Min. 3 | TBD |

5. Point of Entry: TBD

6. The Operational Point of Contact in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ can be reached in the following ways:

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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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