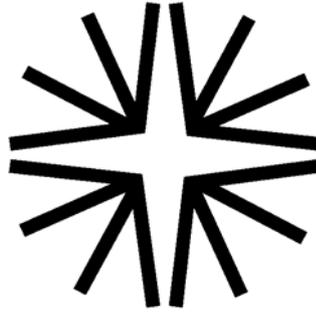


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**EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 2
FOREST FIRES IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAV
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA¹**

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1. The Authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ have provided the following situation updates:

1.1. During the last day, **six** forest fires and **two** larger grass field fires have been reported contained by mobilized efforts but the overall situation in the country continues to be serious. **There are nine active fires burning, the largest ones are located in Bitola (villages Bratin Dol, Rashtani, Krklino), affecting 300 ha area; in Gostivar (village Lakavica-Kunovo-Belovishte), where 130 Ha of the forest is burning; in Tetovo (village Tutence and Siricino) with 30 Ha of forest destroyed and Veles (Oreshje) 20 Ha of forest on fire which is still spreading.**

1.2. All national resources are deployed to cope with the lasting disastrous fire situation including governmental capabilities (the Army in support of the Ministry of the Interior), local governance, public forest enterprises and non governmental organisations: 3 airplanes (privately owned), 2 Army helicopters as well as an undetermined number of fire fighters, military personnel and local personnel have been employed.

1.3. Weather conditions will stay dry and hot with high temperatures up to 40 centigrade for the next days.

¹ Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name



2. The further needs for international assistance:

2.1. **There is still an urgent need for additional aerial firefighting capacities as up to the present time the situation remains to be critical.**

3. **Point of Entry:** Alexander the Great airport near by Skopje in Petrovec.

4. Assistance offered or provided by EAPC nations:

4.1 **The aircraft** from **Croatia** with a team of 10 personnel is already deployed in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹. Croatia provides assistance on a bilateral basis.

4.2 **Slovenia** has also responded to the request of assistance on a bilateral basis and provides **one firefighting helicopter (He 412-B)** manned with 5 people (2 helicopter operators, 2 firefighters and 1 liaison officer).

4.3 **The Republic of Turkey** is providing **one fire-fighting airplane, which has arrived today, 25 July. One fire-fighting helicopter** is scheduled to arrive later today.

4.4 **Seven** 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 the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ 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.



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