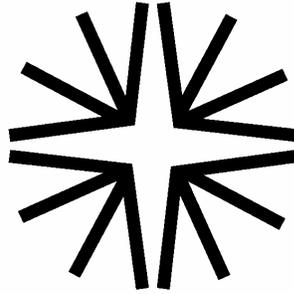


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EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 4 FOREST FIRES IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA¹

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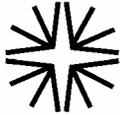
1. The Authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ have provided the following situation updates:

1.1. Despite of mobilised national and international efforts, the overall situation in the country remains serious and expected to last for a moth. **Currently, there are forty active fires burning, fifteen of them out of control, threatening city of Kvieci and vital infrastructures. New fires are breaking out continuously. The largest fires are located in Prilep, villages Dren, Smolari, affecting 200 Ha of pine wood, in Gostivar, village Lakavica, Kumovo, Beloviste with 200 Ha forest burning. Fires are still devastating 120 Ha of forest in the National Park Jansen.**

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, 2 Army helicopters as well as 3000 fire fighters, militaries and local personnel have been involved.

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 a need for additional firefighting capacities as up to the present time the situation remains to be serious.**

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

4. **Assistance offered or provided by EAPC nations:**

4.1 **The Croatia sent one fire fighting aircraft (CL-415 Canadair) with 2 crews and 4 technicians (10 people). The aircraft was operating in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ 2 days, and was recalled to Croatia in the evening of 26 July because of worsened fire situation there.** Croatia provided 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 On 25 July, **one firefighting airplane CL-135 and one firefighting helicopter from the Republic of Turkey** joined the firefighting operation in the stricken area. The aircraft will be recalled to Turkey in the evening of 27 July. The helicopter is staying for further interventions.

4.4 On 26 July, **2 national experts** from the **Austria** fire brigades arrived to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ and took part in the situation assesment activities. The Austrian experts will stay in the country for six days.

4.5 On 26 July, **Sweden** deployed **2 national experts** to evaluate situation and identify urgent needs. Sweden has also sent **6 mobile containers** with different fire fighting equipment. The shipment with equipment is estimated to reach the stricken country on 29 July.

4.6 **Estonia**, upon the request on a bilateral basis, decided to allocate **500 000 Estonian kroons (31 956 EUR)** to the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ for the procurement of helicopter water-buckets and back-carried water pumps.

4.7 **Poland** informed EADRCC about its decision to donate special firefighting equipment (4080 litres foam concentrate, 1100 pc fire hoses) and 1800 litres bottled mineral water. The whole donation is in value of 429 000 PLN (110 000 EUR). The equipment is estimated to reach the stricken country on 29 July.

4.8 On 27 July, **the Czech Republic** offered cca **90 fire fighters helmets** of type **Gallet F1-SF**.

4.9 **Norway**, on a bilateral basis, is sending a transport aircraft (C-130) with fire fighting equipment (fire hoses, special boots, water pumps, etc.) in value of 130 700 EUR. The aircraft is scheduled to arrive at Skopje this evening.



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.

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

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