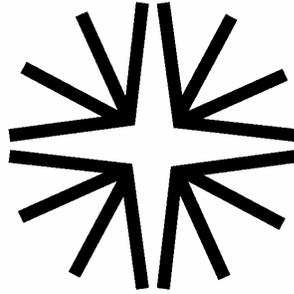


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**EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 5
FOREST FIRES IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAV
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA¹**

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1. Situation update, based on reports from the Authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹ (Crisis Management Centre) and international experts from Austria and Sweden deployed on the site of operations:

1.1. The most of the fires have been put under control. There are still twelve larger active fires burning, located in Kumanovo, Goshince village, 20 Ha of forest affected with a risk that fires will spread towards Brest-Malino-Lukare villages, as the area is mountainous and hardly accessible for ordinary fire fighting equipment. In the vicinity of Skopje at National park of Jasen, the fires are lasting for several days with changeable intensity; the fire in Bitola is still active in some parts of the region. In Ohrid, Rabetino village, fires were raging in 100 m from the village. In Kicevo there are still fires in some areas, similarly in Veles, where 1000 Ha of forest have been affected. The involvement of national and international aerial fire fighting capacities into most critical spots was crucial in decreasing the threat for populated areas and putting fires under control.

1.2. One human casualty has been reported due to smoke poisoning, 200 Roma people (approximately 45 families) have been evacuated. 4600 Ha of forest in 32 municipalities have been burnt out within the period from 17 till 27 July.

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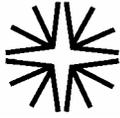
2. The further needs for international assistance:

2.1. **There is still a need for additional fire fighting equipment 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, by country:

4.1.	<u>Croatia</u>	1 fire fighting aircraft (CL-415 Canadair) with 2 crews and 4 technicians (10 people)	Assistance arrived on 24 July. After 2 days of operation, on July 26 airplane has been recalled back to Croatia because of worsened fire situation there.
4.2.	<u>Slovenia</u>	1 fire fighting helicopter (He 412-B) with 5 people (2 helicopter operators, 2 firefighters and 1 liaison officer)	Assistance arrived on 24 July
4.3.	<u>Turkey</u>	1 fire fighting airplane CL-135; 1 fire fighting helicopter	Assistance arrived on 25 July The aircraft recalled to Turkey in the evening of 27 July. The helicopter stayed for further interventions.
4.4.	<u>Austria</u>	2 national experts	Arrived on 26 July, the Austrian experts will stay in the country for six days
4.5.	<u>Sweden</u>	2 national experts; 6 mobile containers (20 feet long) with various fire fighting material	The experts deployed on 26 July. The estimated time of arrival of shipment with donation is 29 July.
4.6.	<u>Estonia</u>	On a bilateral basis, 500 000 Estonian kroons (31 956 EUR) allocated to the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹	The means are intended for the procurement of helicopter water-buckets and back-carried water pumps
4.7.	<u>Poland</u>	1800 litres bottled mineral water and fire fighting equipment: 4080 litres foam concentrate, 1100 pc fire hoses; The whole donation in value of 429 000 PLN (110 000 EUR)	The equipment is estimated to reach the stricken country on 29 July
4.8.	<u>Norway</u>	On a bilateral basis, sent a transport aircraft (C-130) with fire fighting equipment (fire hoses, boots, helmets, gloves, water pumps, first aid kits, etc.) in value of 447 000 EUR.	The assistance arrived at Skopje airport on 27 July at 23:00; The equipment was unloaded. Personnel from the Norwegian Embassy and the two Swedish experts in Skopje provide assistance with the handover to the respective authorities. Some of the equipment may already be put into action



4.9.	<u>Denmark</u>	30 sets of breathing apparatuses Dräger PA80a, supplied with a 300 bar compressed air tank and a protection mask for each set.	The donation will be transported via road, estimated arrival to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia² on 29 July.
4.10.	<u>The Czech Republic</u>	100 fire fighters helmets of type Gallet F1-SF	The aid will be transported by road on 30 July from Brno. Transport will be provided by Czech Fire Rescue Service.

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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