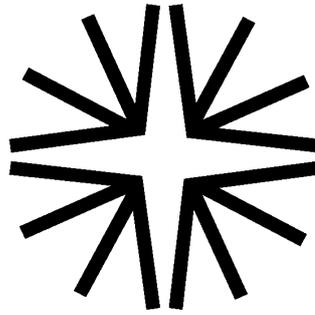


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EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 1 FOREST FIRES IN BULGARIA

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

1.1. The actions for containment and extinguishing of the forest fire in the Rila National Park are still ongoing. The fire is still burning over 130 hectares.

1.2. On 7 September 2008 a major fire started near the village of Krachimir, Municipality of Belogradchik, Region of Vidin. The fire is spread over 120 hectares; 159 people are fighting the fire. The rugged terrain doesn't allow the use of mechanized firefighting equipment.

1.3. A major fire originated also near the village of Gorni Okol, Municipality of Samokov on 7 September 2008. The fire covers 100 hectares of forest and fields and is developing on 3 fronts with a total length of 2km; 50 hectares are forest and 50 hectares are grass land. 75 people are fighting the fire.

2. The following international assistance had been requested:

	Description	Effective Date	Quantity	Duration
2.1	Firefighting helicopter with bucket	ASAP	3	For 3 days
2.2.	Firefighting aircraft CANADAIR	ASAP	2	For 3 days

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3. **Points of Entry:** Airport Sofia

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

4.1. France offered and Bulgaria accepted assistance of 2 firefighting aircrafts CANADAIR CL-415. The aircrafts arrived on scene on 7 September 2008.

4.2. Due to the severe fire situation in the country, Bulgaria accepted 2 additional CANADAIR firefighting aircrafts offered by Greece.

4.3. Three 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 Bulgaria 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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