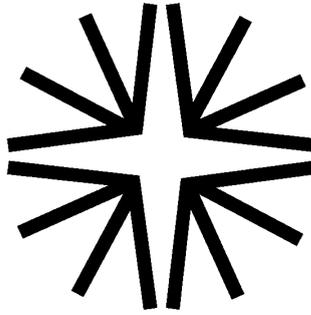


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## EADRCC URGENT DISASTER ASSISTANCE REQUEST Portugal Forest Fires 04-08-2003

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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, the EADRCC has received today, 04 August 2003, a disaster assistance request from Portugal. According to its request Portugal is urgently seeking assistance to fight the forest fires affecting the entire central region of the country. In particular fire fighting aircraft and/or heavy helicopters are needed. The following information was provided by the stricken country in its request.

2. General Situation

Type of Disaster: Forest Fires  
Location of Disaster: The entire central region of Portugal

3. Initial Assessment:

9 people died and several injured. There have been heavy losses in forests and houses in several villages.

4. Nation's own available resources:

- 2 Canadairs
- 10 light planes
- 4 MI-8 helicopters
- 2 Bell-212 helicopters
- 19 SA-350 helicopters.

5. Assistance already provided:

- Italy: 2 Canadairs
- Morocco: 1 C-130 plane, 3 Turbo Trush

6. Assistance required:

- **6 Canadairs or**
- **at least 4 Canadairs and 3 heavy helicopters and crew**



Three Military Air Bases (Tancos, Monte Real and Ovar) are designated to position the planes and/or helicopters. Further information, including operational point of contact in the affected area will be forwarded to the offering country in due course.

7. Contact information:

7.1 The Point of Contact can be contacted in the following way:

Name: Albuquerque, Maj. Anibal  
Organization: Civil Emergency Planning National Council (Portugal)  
Telephone: +351 (21) 721 4611  
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E-mail: [anibal.cnpce@netcabo.pt](mailto:anibal.cnpce@netcabo.pt)

8. Response co-ordination:

8.1 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 Point of Contact of the stricken nation, with an information copy to the EADRCC, by any of the means of communication listed below:

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

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