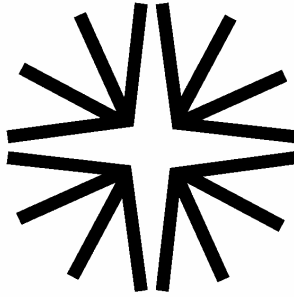


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## **EADRCC SITUATION REPORT N° 2 FOREST FIRES IN ALBANIA**

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### 1. Situation update:

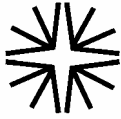
1.1. The fire fighting efforts continue with all available resources, but the overall situation continue to be very serious. Fire fighting operations are being carried out and joint efforts are being made in order to face this emergency situation. While small and medium scale fires have been successfully dealt with, large scale fires are still burning in various forest areas, especially in: National Park in Valbona valley by Kosovian and Montenegrin borders, in Trull-Surroj area near city of Kukes, in the national park of Lura in the region of Diber, in Gërmenji forests near city of Erseke by the Greek border, in the forests of Fan and Kacinar in the region of Mirdita.

1.2. The situation has worsened in three areas, respectively: in Liqeni I Zi, Bulqize, in forests of Sotira Gjrokaster by the Greek border, in Kryezi Puke.

### 2. Resources available for disaster response and measures taken:

2.1. An Interministerial Committee has been established and is chaired by the deputy Prime Minister. The operations are being led by the Emergency Steering Staff. In the twelve prefectures the regional emergency management committees have been established. Fire fighters, armed forces personnel and forest service personnel operate in various disaster sites.

2.2. **Germany, through a private company, offered 1 helicopter with flexible water bucket. The assistance was scheduled for 26 July 2007, but it was not delivered because the fire fighting helicopters of the private company are involved in fire**



extinguishing operations in Slovak Republic as foreseen in the contract between this company and the Government of Slovak Republic.

2.3. Efforts are being made to contact 2 private companies in Czech Republic and Albania is awaiting their answer.

2.4. **Czech Republik has offered extinguishing agents** (soaking agent), type **Pyrocom (Pyrocool) AR – weight 2 tonnes and Sthamex F15 – weight 7 tonnes** for extinguishing operation during forest fires.

2.5. **Twelve** 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.

**2.6. There is still an urgent need for international assistance:**

	Description	Effective Date	Quantity	Duration
2.4.	Firefighting helicopters with buckets	27 Jul 07, ASAP	2	7 days

3. Point of Entry: Tirana International Airport

4. The Operational Point of Contact in Albania can be reached in the following ways:

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5. Response co-ordination

5.1. 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.

5.2 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.



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

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