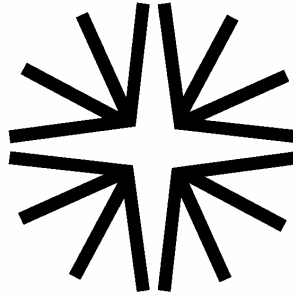


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1. **According to the latest information from Bulgaria, the situation is getting better. All the forest fires are under control and expected to be extinguished in short time. The temperature has fallen drastically during last 24 hours. The resources from local and national fire services, Civil Protection and the Ministry of Defence handle the situation. According to the weather forecast, moderate rainfalls and maximum temperatures about 23–27 degrees centigrade are foreseen.**

2. **Due to the situation, the Bulgarian authorities have decided that no further international assistance is required and would like to express their gratitude to all nations for their prompt replies and the offered help.**

3. **Assistance provided by EAPC Nations:**

3.1. The Russian Federation, on a bilateral basis, provided one IL-76 fire fighting airplane, arrived on 21 July and completed its mission on 24 July. The airplane performed 18 fire-fighting flights.

3.2. The Republic of Turkey, on 21 July, offered a fire-fighting helicopter, which has been accepted by Bulgaria on 25 July. However, in the meantime the helicopter has been already sent to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹

3.3. **Fifteen** 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.

4. **The Operational Point of Contact in Bulgaria is as follows:**

¹ Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name



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