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EADRCC REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE
COVID-19

Message Nbr. : OPS(EADRCC)(2020)0091
Date & time : 05 May 2020, 16:00 UTC
From: : Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre
To : Points of Contact for International Disaster Response in NATO and partner countries
Precedence : Priority
Originator : EADRCC Action Officer Tel: +32 475 82 90 71
Approved by : EADRCC
Reference : EAPC(C)D(98)10(Revised)

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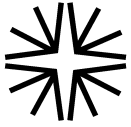
1.1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, Tuesday 05 May 2020, a request for international assistance. The following information was provided.

2. General situation

Type of the Disaster : COVID-19 pandemic
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : March 2020 and ongoing
Location of the Disaster : Bulgaria

3. Initial assessment of the damage and description of the situation

- 3.1. The first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Bulgaria was on 8 March 2020. A State of Emergency was declared on 13 March 2020. As of 5 May there have been 1 704 cases of COVID-19 infection in the country, with 80 deaths. The situation is difficult.
- 3.2. It is difficult to assess what stage Bulgaria has reached in the pandemic. The Bulgarian Government has taken a number of restrictive measures and is making extreme efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. All available health system resources, civil protection structures and all other sectors are committed in response to the pandemic.
- 3.3. Due to the restrictions imposed, the transportation of protective and medical equipment from abroad is a major challenge. Accordingly the operating structure responsible for the protection against COVID-19 of the Bulgarian population and medical teams has decided to request international assistance in transporting the necessary protective and medical equipment from China to Bulgaria.



4. **The following request for international assistance has been identified:**

- 4.1. We hereby request international assistance in the form of air freight through the Alliance.
- 4.2. Details about the delivery are currently being clarified. The situation is dynamic, but the information currently available is as follows: 200 cubic metres of cargo, weight approximately 15 tonnes, packed in boxes on pallets; to be transported from Beijing International Airport, China; on 25 May 2020. Further detailed information will be provided at a later stage.

5. **Point of entry:**

- 5.1. Sofia International Airport, Bulgaria.

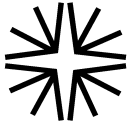
6. **Delivery point:**

- 6.1. Sofia International Airport, Bulgaria

7. **The Operational Point of Contact can be reached in the following ways:**

- 7.1. Primary Point of Contact

Name	National Operations Centre
Organization	Fire Safety and Civil Protection Directorate General - Ministry of Interior
Telephone:	+359 2 960 10 333
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8. **Response co-ordination.**

8.1. With a view to providing a coordinated response to Bulgaria'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.

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

9.1. Mobile phone : +32 475 82 90 71

9.2. E-mail : nato.eadrcc@hq.nato.int

9.3. Internet : <https://www.nato.int/eadrcc/>