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EADRCC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION Forest and wild fires in Israel

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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 24 November 2016, a request for information on nations' fixed wing aerial firefighting capabilities for extinguishing wild fires in Israel. The following information was provided.

2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster	:	Forest and wild fires
Date and Time the Disaster occurred	:	Ongoing
Location of the Disaster	:	Haifa, Israel

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

Some sixty thousand people were evacuated from their homes in Haifa Thursday as a wave of wildfires threatened the bay metropolis, bolstered by high winds and dry conditions that have contributed to a spate of blazes across the country this week. Residents of a total of 11 neighborhoods in the city were told to leave their homes, as fires in at least five locations consumed homes and businesses. By late afternoon, more than 100 people in the Haifa area had been treated for fire-related injuries, mostly smoke inhalation.



- 4. The following possible requirements for international assistance have been identified:
- Fixed wing firefighting airplanes with the following specifications:
- Capacity of maximum 5000 litres
- Capability of seawater use
- Operational capability above 30 knots of crosswinds
- Available for a duration of approximately one week.
- 5. The *Mission of the State of Israel to The European Union and NATO* would appreciate receiving details regarding:
 - the airplanes that are available to provide assistance,
 - Type of capability
 - Time required for deployment
 - o Technical point of contact for the capability
 - $\circ~$ Ground support required, including the types of materials to be used in order to confirm their suitability
 - the official procedures needed to follow in order to receive the assistance from the offering country.
- 6. Points of Entry: TBC
- 7. Delivery point: TBC
- 8. The Operational Point of Contact can be reached in the following ways:

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8. **Response co-ordination.**

8.1. With a view to providing a coordinated response to Israel'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:

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