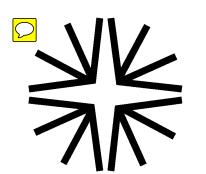
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# EADRCC SITUATION REPORT No. 2 Forest and wild fires in Israel (new information in BOLD)

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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received on 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, Jerusalem and central Israel

#### 3. Assessment 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.

On Friday 25 November, Israel continued to battle fires in different parts of the country, with outbreaks reported in Beit Meir in the Jerusalem hills, near Kiryat Gat in the South of



the country, next to Harashim in the Galilee, and near the Carmel Government Hospital in Haifa.

Fires continued to burn in different parts of Israel Saturday morning, 26 November 2016. The situation is more under control but due to the dry and windy weather conditions that are not expected to change for the next three days, there are fears new blazes would spread. In Jerusalem area the emergency responders largely managed to contain the flames, pushing them away from homes, though fires in Nataf and Halamish still have not been controlled. In Haifa, the fire has been contained. Residents of the northern communities of Harashim and Har Halutz have been allowed to return to their homes after fires in the Galilee region were also contained.

- 4. Assistance offered or provided by Allied and partner nations:
- 4.1. <u>Azerbaijan:</u> Following the EADRCC request for information, the Amphibian BE-200 firefighting and evacuating aircraft arrived to Israel on Friday 25 November 2016 and started to operate early next day.
- 4.2 <u>Croatia</u> is providing assistance with two firefighting aircrafts Canadair CL-415 operating since Friday 25 November 2016
- 4.3 <u>France</u> sent two Canadair CL-415 aircrafts which are expecting to arrive on Saturday, 26 November 2016.
- 4.4 <u>Greece</u> is providing assistance with three Canadair CL-415 aircrafts and one logistical support aircraft, all operating since Thursday 24 November 2016.
- 4.5 <u>Italy</u> is providing assistance with two firefighting aircrafts Canadair CL-415 operating since Friday 25 November 2016;
- 4.6 Jordan will provide three fire trucks and 15-18 firefighters;
- 4.7 <u>Russia</u> is providing assistance with two BE-200 firefighting aircrafts, one operating since Friday 25 November 2016 and the second since Saturday 26 November 2016:
- 4.8 <u>Turkey</u> is providing assistance with three firefighting aircrafts Canadair CL-415, one operating since Friday 25 November 2016 and two others since Saturday 26 November 2016;
- 4.9 <u>US</u> is providing assistance with a supertanker that is operational since Saturday 26 November 2016. Also 39 firefighters are expected to arrive in Israel.
- 4.10 <u>Ukraine</u> is providing assistance with two firefighting aircrafts An-32P since Saturday 26 November 2016.



Requirements for international assistance: International assistance from nearby nations was accepted on Friday, with ground teams arriving from local partners.

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At the moment, all other offers of international assistance are on hold, while the National Fire and Rescue Authority assesses the situation.

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## 7. Response co-ordination.

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.



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