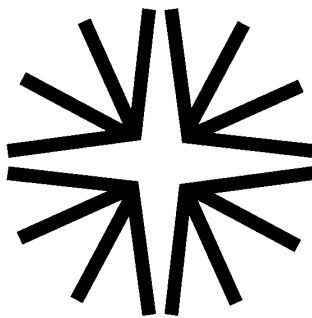


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EADRCC Urgent Request for Assistance Forest and wild fires in Georgia

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From: : Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre
To : Points of Contact for International Disaster Response in NATO and
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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 22 August 2017, a request for assistance. The following information is provided.

2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster : Forest and wild fires
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : August 20th 14:00 pm and ongoing
Location of the Disaster : Georgia

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

A major forest fire started near Daba village, Borjomi Municipality- Georgia on 20 August at 14:00. The mountainous terrain and strong winds makes it extremely difficult to bring the fire under control. Situation is critical. The affected area covers about 35 hectares of forest.

Georgian authorities involved the following resources in the firefighting operations: 2 helicopters, 400 Firefighters-rescuers, 26 fire trucks, 100 forest guards, 500 Special Tasks Department representatives, 28 units of heavy-duty vehicles are involved in road construction works to create access to the disaster area and to contain the fire.

4. Assistance provided:

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- Republic of Azerbaijan provided 1 helicopter on Monday 21 September and it was involved in firefighting operations all day of 22nd of August. A second firefighting helicopter from the Republic of Azerbaijan is expecting to arrive in the coming hours.
 - Republic of Turkey provided 2 helicopters and 1 firefighting aircraft on 22 September.
 - Republic of Belarus offered 1 helicopter. The offer was accepted by Georgia.
5. **Following international assistance is required: 6 Firefighting helicopters with water buckets.**
6. The coordinates of the affected area are: 41°49'18.90"N 43°27'3.62"E
7. Point of Entry:
Tbilisi International Airport
Batumi International Airport
Kutaisi International Airport
8. The Operational Point of Contact can be reached in the following ways:

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Operating hours:	24/7

9. Response co-ordination.

9.1. 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.

9.2. The EADRCC is in close contact with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) in Geneva and with the European Response Coordination Center.

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

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