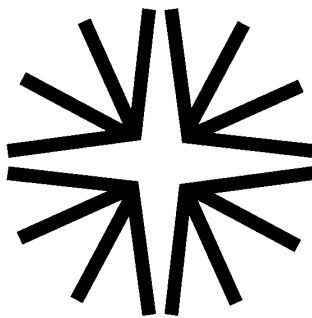


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## **EADRCC Urgent Request for Assistance Forest fires in Georgia**

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Partner Countries  
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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 29 August 2017, a request for assistance. The following information is provided.

### **2. General Situation**

Type of the Disaster : Forest fire  
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : August 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM (local time) and  
ongoing  
Location of the Disaster : Georgia

### **3. Initial assessment**

A major forest fire started on 29 August at 10:00 AM local time in a conifer forest near the Georgian National Astrophysical Observatory and has already affected around 5 hectares in the Abastumani Resort, Samtskhe-Javakheti Region - Georgia.

Inhabited areas are not yet under danger but could be affected by the fire.

Some 400 first responders and personnel from Special Tasks Department and Emergency Management Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, as well as representatives of Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia are dealing with the emergency. One Helicopter of the Border Police Services has started firefighting operations as of today, 29 August 2017.

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4. **Following international assistance is required: Firefighting planes and helicopters with water buckets.**

5. The coordinates of the affected area are: 41°48'17.85"N 42°49'52.09"E

6. Point of Entry:

Tbilisi International Airport  
Batumi International Airport  
Kutaisi International Airport

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

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Operating hours:	24/7

#### 8. Response co-ordination.

8.1. 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.

8.2. 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.

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

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