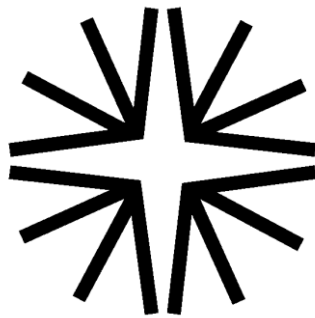


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EADRCC Situation Report #1
Forest and wild fires in Georgia
(New information in bold)

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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC received on 23 September 2017, a request for assistance from Georgia. The following information was provided:

2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster : Forest and wild fires
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : September 22th 16:00 pm and ongoing
Location of the Disaster : Georgia

3. **Assessment**

A forest fire started near district Tsaghvery, Borjomi Municipality, Samtskhe-Javakheti Region-Georgia on 22 September. The mountainous terrain, low humidity and winds makes it extremely difficult to bring the fire under control. Situation **remains** critical. The exact territory of affected area covers is not identified yet, but the scale is huge.

Georgian authorities involved the following resources in the firefighting operations: 1 helicopter, 600 Firefighters-rescuers and Special Tasks Department representatives, 50 forest guards, 20 fire trucks. **On 23 September, a helicopter owned by a Georgian private company joined the firefighting operations.**

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**4. Assistance provided:**

- **Azerbaijan provided 1 helicopter with water bucket on 23 September.**
- **Turkey deployed 2 helicopters with water buckets that are expected to start the operations on 24 September.**

5. Following international assistance is required: 4 Firefighting helicopters with water buckets.

6. The coordinates of the affected area are: 41°48'58.00"N 43°29'10.00"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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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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