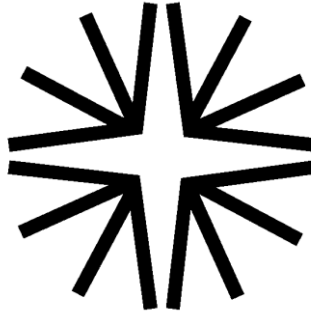


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**EADRCC Urgent Request for Assistance**  
**Forest and wild fires in Georgia**

Message N<sup>o</sup>. : OPS(EADRCC)(2017)0216  
Dtg : 23 September 2017, 10:15 UTC  
From: : Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre  
To : Points of Contact for International Disaster Response in NATO and  
Partner Countries  
Precedence : Priority  
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Reference : EAPC(C)D(98)10(Revised)  
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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 23 September 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 : September 22<sup>th</sup> 16:00 pm and ongoing  
Location of the Disaster : Georgia

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

A forest fire started near district Tsaghvery, Borjomi Municipality, Samtskhe-Javakheti Region-Georgia on 20 August. The mountainous terrain, low humidity and winds makes it extremely difficult to bring the fire under control. Situation is 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.

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

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

6. Point of Entry:

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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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