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**EADRCC Situation Report #1
Forest fires in Sweden
(New information in bold)**

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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received on 25 July 2018, a request for assistance from Sweden. The following information was provided.

2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster : Forest fires
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : July 16th and ongoing
Location of the Disaster : Mainly in the regions of Gävleborg,
Dalarna and Jämtland among others,
Sweden

3. Current Assessment of the situation.

Over the last few weeks Sweden has experienced atypically high temperatures and close to no rainfall. This has resulted in very dry grounds in woodlands and terrain across the country. The risk of forest fires is extremely high in most of the country, from the south to the north.

Sweden has experienced many forest fires during this period. Currently there are around **50 active forest fires** in the country and the number is steadily increasing. The three largest fires alone are covering over 20 000 ha.

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The weather conditions are not improving. At the end of this week, temperatures are expected to rise even more and the weather forecast does not indicate much precipitations.

Sweden has already received assistance from a number of countries but the many active large scale forest fires, the high risk situation and scarce national airplane resources, have created the need for additional firefighting airplanes.

4. The following request for international assistance have been identified:

- Primary request: water scooping airplanes
- Secondary request: any water bombing airplane will be taken into consideration

5. **Assistance provided**

Following the request for assistance sent by Sweden to EADRCC on 25 July, Ukraine offered a water-bombing airplane (AN32-P) on 26 July. The offer was not accepted but might be reconsidered if the situation will continue to remain critical.

Since the beginning of this emergency on 16 July, Sweden has received offers of assistance on bilateral basis and following the request for international assistance through the European Civil Protection Mechanism (EUCPM).

For situational awareness, here is a list of capabilities that are currently involved in forest fire operations in Sweden, as communicated to EADRCC by the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency - MSB:

- Norway: nine helicopters and ground forest fighting units on bilateral basis;
- Denmark: two ground forest firefighting units
- France: three water scooping airplanes and a reconnaissance aircraft, one ground firefighting unit,
- Italy: two water scooping airplanes
- Germany: five helicopters and one ground firefighting unit
- Lithuania: one helicopter
- Poland: two ground forest firefighting units
- Portugal: two water-scooping airplanes

Also, the offer from Finland of a ground firefighting unit through the Nordic Agreement is being discussed with MSB, and the offer from Turkey of a water scooping airplane through EUCPM has been accepted.

The following offers of assistance were not accepted, but might be reconsidered in case the situation will aggravate:

- Austria offered one firefighting helicopters and one ground forest fighting unit
- Belarus offered two helicopters on bilateral basis
- Cheech Republic offered one firefighting helicopters
- Portugal offered one ground forest freighting unit



6. Points of Entry: TBD

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

Name	Duty Officer
Organization	Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, MSB
Telephone:	+46 54 150 150 (via switchboard)
Mobile phone:	
Fax:	
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8. Response co-ordination

With a view to providing a coordinated response to Sweden's request, 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. The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre can be reached in the following ways:

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