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**EADRCC Situation Report #3
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.

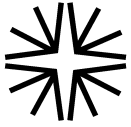
2. General Situation

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.

The long lasting drought has caused a high number of forest fires in Sweden. **At the moment there are 15 active forest fires in the country. The most affected areas are in Gävleborg, Dalarna and Jämtland counties. The assessment indicates that the operations to extinguish the major fires might take long to be accomplished. The fires in Gävleborg and Kårböle have increased during the last days, but overall situation regarding the largest fires has slightly improved. According to the weather forecast for this week the risk of fire spreading remains between medium and high level.**

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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 being deployed or currently involved in forest fire operations in Sweden, as communicated to EADRCC by the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency - MSB:

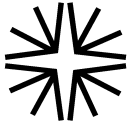
- Norway: nine helicopters and ground forest fighting units on bilateral basis;
- Denmark: two ground forest firefighting units
- **France: two water scooping airplanes ended operations and are returning back while a reconnaissance aircraft and one ground firefighting unit continue their operations**
- Italy: two water scooping airplanes completed their operations
- **Germany: one ground firefighting unit ended its mission while five helicopters continue operating**
- Lithuania: one helicopter
- Poland: two ground forest firefighting units
- **Portugal: two water-scooping airplanes are ending their operations today**
- **Turkey: one water scooping airplane accepted by Sweden was not deployed due to the bad weather conditions**
- Finland: one ground firefighting unit (through Nordic Agreement)

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 **one** helicopter on bilateral basis
- Czech 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:	
E-mail:	tib@msb.se

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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