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**EADRCC URGENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
Forest fires in Latvia**

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To : Points of Contact for International Disaster Response in NATO and
Partner Countries
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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 25 July 2018, a request for assistance. The following information was provided.

2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster : **Forest fires**
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : **17 July 2018 and ongoing**
Location of the Disaster : **Talsi district, Valdgale county, Latvia**

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

A large forest and turf fire started on 17 July 2018 in Talsi district, Valdgale county of Latvia.

For the last week, State Fire and Rescue Service, State Forest Service, National Armed Forces, volunteers and private entities are involved in the response operations. Currently, national capacities are overstretched. The weather conditions may worsen. Most of the affected areas are not accessible by ground capabilities and aerial firefighting is the only option.

The surface of the affected area doubled since 19 July 2018 and is currently estimated at around 1200 ha.

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

- **3 helicopters equipped for firefighting**

5. Points of Entry: **Riga International Airport (RIX)**

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

Name	Duty Officer
Organization	State Fire and Rescue Service of Latvia
Telephone:	+37167075954
Mobile phone:	+37129424504
Fax:	+37167075955
E-mail:	emergency@vugd.gov.lv (CC to ovp@vugd.gov.lv)

7. **Response co-ordination.**

With a view to providing a coordinated response to Latvia'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.

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

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