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EADRCC REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
Earthquake in Serbia

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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 03 October, a request for assistance from Serbia. The following information was provided.

2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster: Earthquake
Date and Time the Disaster occurred: October 2 and ongoing
Location of the Disaster: Central Serbia, vicinity of the capital – City of Belgrade

3. Current Assessment of the situation.

On 2 October at 10:23 AM local time, a powerful 6.7 Richter scale (10km deep) earthquake struck the wider area of the city of Belgrade in the municipality of Mladenovac. The epicentre is located in Međulužje (44° 24’ 54˝N, 020° 41’ 33˝E), a few kilometres south of Mladenovac. Devastating effects were felt in the whole city of Belgrade, as well as neighbouring areas southwest from Mladenovac.

Reports indicate that a large number of older residential buildings are heavily damaged or completely collapsed. Many were injured and the number of casualties is still unknown.

News reports indicate that the earthquake generated a series of accidents in a large ceramic factory in Mladenovac. Since the disaster occurred during working hours, a large number of workers is missing or unaccounted for. Also, there are reports of chemical
leakages with strange smells spreading in the vicinity of the factory. Dikes on Rabrovac Lake and Markovac Lake started to leak and flooded nearby settlements, leaving debris and a risk of contamination. Electricity and water infrastructure were severely damaged, but road and telecommunication infrastructure suffered only minor damages. Heavy damage is reported in the wider area of the city of Arandjelovac, located 15 km south-west of the epicentre. Reports indicate that the industrial zone in Arandjelovac suffered severe damages, possibly with a high number of casualties.

Official representatives of the hydro power plant at Garaši Accumulation Lake reported structural damage of a bridge and possible casualties in a fishermen’s settlement. Since the lake is the city’s main water supply and there is the possibility of contamination, water quality control activities are necessary.

National rescue teams and assets are mainly focused on the rescue activities in the Mladenovac residential area and the affected southern periphery of Belgrade. Due to the exhausted capacities and in light of the upcoming cold season, additional humanitarian assistance is necessary.

4. The following request for international assistance have been identified:
   4.1 USAR teams – 5 Light USAR teams and 7 Medium USAR teams;
   4.2 CBRN teams – 10 CBRN teams
   4.3 Water rescue teams – 6 teams
   4.4 Medical teams / mobile hospitals (2)

5. Points of Entry:
   Road checkpoints:
   - Border point Horgoš/Reske – Serbia - Hungary
   - Border point Vatin/Moravita – Serbia - Romania
   - Border point Gradina/Kalotina – Serbia - Bulgaria
   - Border point Preševo/Tabanovce - Serbia - the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹
   - Border point Gostun/Konatar – Serbia - Montenegro
   - Border point Mali/Zvornik – Serbia - Bosnia and Herzegovina
   - Border point Sremska Rača/Bosanska Rača – Serbia - Bosnia and Herzegovina
   - Border point Batrovci/Bajakovo - Serbia - Croatia

   Airports:
   - Border point Belgrade International Airport “Nikola Tesla”

¹ Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name
6. Point of Delivery: Mladenovac, Serbia

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

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8. **Response co-ordination**

With a view to providing a coordinated response to Serbia 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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