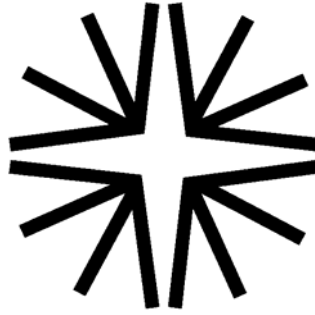


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## **EADRCC URGENT DISASTER ASSISTANCE REQUEST FOREST FIRES IN ALBANIA**

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1. In accordance with the procedures at reference, EADRCC has received today, 23 July 2007, a disaster assistance request from Albania transmitted at 17:00 UTC. The following information was provided.

### 2. General Situation

Type of the Disaster : **Forest Fires**  
Date and Time the Disaster occurred : **During the week 18 to 23 July 2007**  
Location of the Disaster : **Near the city Kukws in northern Albania;  
National Park of Valbona, near Kosovo  
border;  
Forest of Germenj, near Greek border**

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

2.1. Approximately 100 fires have been burning during this week, affecting approximately 1.500 hectares of forest. At the moment, the largest fires are burning in the regions of Kukës, Tropoja and Erseka (Germenj). There exists an urgent need for air intervention because the use of standard fire fighting equipment is ineffective, since the disaster area is mountainous.

3. National resources available for disaster response and measures taken.

3.1. All available resources, local and national, are activated to cope with the disaster situation; approximately 1,300 military personnel with 50 vehicles as well as an undetermined number of local personnel are being employed. An interministerial committee has been established, lead by the Deputy Prime Ministe and comprising the



Minister of Defence, Minister of Interior, Minister of Environment, Minister of Health and the General Director of Civil Emergencies.

**4. The following requirements for international assistance have been identified:**

	Description	Effective Date	Quantity	Duration
4.1	Firefighting helicopters with buckets	23 Jul 07, ASAP	2	For 4 days

**5. Point of Entry: Tirana International Airport**

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

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Duty Officer</b>
<b>Organisation:</b>	<b>General Directorate for Civil Emergencies, Ministry of Interior, Republic of Albania</b>
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<b>Operating hours:</b>	<b>24/7</b>

**9. Response co-ordination.**

9.1. 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.

10.1. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) in Geneva and the European Union MIC have been informed by the same communication.

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

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