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FIRST NATIONAL COORDINATION MEETING ON ENHANCING FIRE MANAGEMENT CAPACITY IN THE CHERNOBYL EXCLUSION ZONE

22-23 September 2016

Venue: Holiday Inn, 100 Velyka Vasykivska Street, Kyiv, Ukraine



Organized by:

- United States Forest Service International Programs
- State Agency of Ukraine on the Exclusion Zone Management
- State Service of Ukraine on Emergencies
- Regional Eastern European Fire Monitoring Center (REEFMC) / National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv

With participation:

- Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC), Freiburg, Germany

Background and Rationale

As a consequence of climate change and socio-economic and demographic changes the countries of Eastern Europe are becoming more vulnerable to large wildfires. Wildfires burning in environments contaminated by radioactivity, unexploded ordinances and chemical substances create additional non-standard risks to firefighters and may have negative health impacts on firefighters and local populations. The most serious threats arise from fires burning vegetation contaminated by radioactivity after the failure of Reactor No. 4 of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in 1986. The overall increasing threats of extreme wildfires, which may lead to emergencies and reach disaster dimensions, call for enhancing coordinated preparedness and suppression capabilities at the national level. The potential transnational environmental implications for extreme wildfires burning on radioactively contaminated terrain in the environment, on human health and security have prompted international organizations and bilateral donors to support Ukraine in building fire management capacities.

Apart of the endeavours of regional organizations such as Council of Europe (through the Euro-Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement – EUR-OPA) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the United Nations (through the UN Environment Programme – UNEP) and the U.S. Forest Service are cooperating with Ukraine towards the development of a resource-sharing approach. Other bilateral programmes, in particularly activities of specialized international and regional institutions such as the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC) and the Regional Eastern European Fire Monitoring Center (REEFMC), are facilitating the harmonization of the agenda of international supporting organizations.

A first and prime step towards enhancing national fire management capabilities is the development of effective and efficient inter-agency coordination. The highest priority should be given to develop and implement an interagency mechanism to reduce the consequences of extreme wildfires burning in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone (ChEZ).

Organization of the First National Coordination Meeting

The First National Coordination Meeting on Enhancing Fire Management Capacity in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone will be held on 22-23 September 2016 in Kyiv. The Regional Eastern European Fire Monitoring Center (REEFMC), Kyiv, will support the U.S. Forest Service, International Programs, in the preparation, logistical / organization of the meeting.

Objectives of the First National Coordination Meeting

- Review the wildfire threats and fire management capabilities in the ChEZ
- Provide international experience in the development of inter-agency / cross-sectoral cooperation and coordination in fire management
- Define the challenges for fire management in the ChEZ

Expected outcomes of the First National Coordination Meeting

- Proposals for establishment of an Inter-Agency Task Force on Fire Management in the ChEZ
- Identification of shortcomings and problems of the system of preventing, suppression and interagency cooperation during suppression of fires in the ChEZ
- Proposals for improvement of prevention, response, preparedness for and coordination of fire suppression in the ChEZ and increase of its effectiveness
- Recommendation for the preparation of a National Round Table aimed at addressing fire management at national level beyond the ChEZ (including the agricultural domain, general public health and security, role of civil society organizations and NGOs involved in fire management, etc.)
- Recommendation for the preparation of a Regional Consultation on Fire Management aimed at enhancing cross-border cooperation in fire management

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Workshop Agenda

DAY 1 – Thursday, 22 September 2016

Session 1: Opening Ceremony

10:00-10:30 Welcome Address:

Volodymyr Kladiev, Coordinator of the Coordination Center for Interoperability, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of the Administration of President of Ukraine
Volodymyr Feschenko, Head of the Sector of Nuclear Safety, Radiation Protection and Technical Regulations of the Department of Life Safety, Environmental Protection and Agriculture of the Cabinet of Ministries of Ukraine
George Kent, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the United State to Ukraine
Vitalii Petruk, Head of the State Agency of Ukraine on the Exclusion Zone Management
Mykola Chechotkin, Head of the State Service of Ukraine on Emergencies
Johann G. Goldammer, Director of the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC)
Shelia Slemp, U.S. Forest Service International Programs
Petro Lakyda, Sergiy Zibtsev, National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine / Regional Eastern European Fire Monitoring Center (REEFMC)

10:30-10:45 Introduction and presentation of participants (moderated by facilitator Andriy Vyshniak)

10:45-11:00 Expectations and results to be achieved (moderated by facilitator)

Session 2: Sharing of Ukrainian Experiences in Fire Management in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone (ChEZ) – Strengths and challenges

11:00-11:45 Presentation of different agencies on the current situation in terms of wildfire management: Prevention and suppression

State Agency of Ukraine on the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone Management
State Service of Ukraine on Emergencies (SESU)
State fire rescue brigade of Main Department SESU of Kyiv Oblast
National Police
Civil Protection
State Special Forestry Enterprise “Pivnichna Puscha”
State Enterprise “Ecocenter”. Radiological Safety

11:45-12:00 Coffee break

Session 3: Development of a vision towards overcoming barriers and problems – Discussion

12:00-13:30 Development and discussion of the vision for "ideal" joint / cooperative work (coordination) of all agencies engaged in wildfire management

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 Discussion of problems / barriers on coordination and unification of various aspects of wildfire management

16:00-16:30 Day 1 wrap-up and review of the agenda of Day 2 (moderated by facilitator)

DAY 2 – Friday, 23 September 2016

Session 4: Development of a Work Plan to address and overcome problems and barriers for better coordination of fire management / suppression

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| 10:00-11:30 | Development of proposals for overcoming problems / barriers for better coordination of more efficient and effective fire management / suppression |
| 11:30-12:00 | Coffee break |
| 12:30-13:30 | Development of a Work Plan to address and overcome problems / barriers for better coordination of fire management / suppression |
| 13:30-14:30 | Lunch |
| 14.30-15.30 | Development of a Work Plan to address and overcome problems / barriers for better coordination of fire management / suppression |
| 15:30-16:00 | Wrap-up of the Coordination Meeting (moderated by facilitator) |
| | Adjourn |