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Firefighter Fatalities in Tyva Republic – Letter of Condolence

Dear Alexander Victorovich

we have received the sad news about the loss of eight firefighters in Tyva Republic on 6 June 2012.

The staff of the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC), representing the Global Wildland Fire Network, and also in responsibility of the joint Russian-German cooperation in forest fire management, is expressing the sorrow about the loss of Russia's courageous firefighters.

Between 2008 and 2011 we lost more than 1100 wildland firefighters and civilians during forest fires and brush fires around the world. These losses and the incident in Tyva are reminding us that we all have to be concerned for the safety of our wildland firefighters.

Please allow me express our condolence and warmest feelings to the families of the fallen firefighters and ask you to convey this message to the authorities in Tyva Republic and the families of the deceased.

Yours faithfully

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