



PRESS RELEASE

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BSEC Member States Battling Wildfires

ICBSS's host country, the Hellenic Republic, is fighting massive wildfires. One of the multiple fire fronts is in the northern suburbs of our Centre's host city, Athens, in Attica Prefecture.

Apart from the Hellenic Republic, three BSEC Member States, the Republic of Albania, the Russian Federation, as well as the Republic of Turkey, are battling wildfires.

We are all deeply saddened by the heartbreaking situation and its tragic turn, and we express our solidarity to the people of the affected countries.

Once more, we would like to convey our sincere condolences to the families of victims and to those families whose lives have been tragically affected by the fires.

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