

Letter by President Juncker to Prime Minister Tsipras

European Commission President Jean-Claude **Juncker** has written to Prime Minister of Greece, Alexis Tsipras, to express his condolences for the loss of lives following forest fires in the country:

Dear Prime Minister,

It is with a heavy heart that I have learnt that many people have tragically lost their lives in devastating fires in Athens, Greece.

On behalf of the European Commission, I would like to express my sincere condolences to the families and friends of the victims.

During these difficult times, we stand side by side with the Greek people and authorities and I commend the tireless and courageous efforts of the emergency responders.

Everything possible will be done to provide support today, tomorrow and for as long as it takes.

I have asked the Commissioner for Crisis Management and Humanitarian Aid, Christos Stylianides, to be in immediate contact with the Greek civil protection authorities. He has informed me that assistance, including planes and fire teams, has been mobilised. The Commissioner is travelling to Athens today. I would also like to thank the relevant Member States for their continued solidarity in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Jean-Claude JUNCKER