

Statement by Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides on the devastating fires in Greece

“Today is a day of great sorrow for Greece and for all of Europe.

The EU stands with the Greek people in solidarity at this difficult time.

Let me express our condolences to the families and friends of the victims of these devastating fires that have caused so much suffering and a tragic loss of life.

As announced by President Juncker in his letter, I will travel to Athens today to meet with the Greek civil protection authorities and coordinate the EU assistance which is already on its way.

I spoke with Prime Minister Tsipras yesterday night and I am in constant contact with him in order to offer the Commission’s full support to the Greek authorities and people.

At this stage, I would like to thank Cyprus, Spain and Bulgaria who have already made immediate offers of concrete assistance through our EU Civil Protection Mechanism: planes, firefighters, medics and vehicles.

Together we are working 24/7 to help the brave first responders and emergency services working tirelessly to help those in need.”

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