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1. General Description of the Situation:

On September 21, 2019 Albania was hit by a powerful earthquake, whose shocks were felt all over the territory. According to the Institute of Geoscience, Energy, Water and Environment/IGEWE on 16:04:20 has fallen an earthquake with magnitude, M=5.8, epicenter Kepi i Rodonit, 30 km in North of Durres (41.59° N, 19.5° E), depth 25 km.

According to IGEWE, there have been many aftershocks following the main event.

The most affected regions from earthquake are 7 prefectures/regions from 12 that we have in total like Durres and Tirana, Elbasan, Diber, Lezha, Fier and Berat,

Also, on September 23, 2019, we are facing with heavy rains that caused floods in some cities that are already affected by the earthquake.

In the regions of Shkodra, Lezha, Durres, Fier, Vlora, Gjirokastra and Berat we had during the night's continuous heavy rainfall in the form of thunderstorms accompanied by electric discharges.

2. Preliminary assessments of the damages caused due to earthquake:

- 2354 houses are reported damaged by citizens
- Only 1546 houses are identified/assessed by the Municipalities and Prefectures.
- 125 cracked palaces
- 34 cracked schools
- 2 health center
- 3 Warehouses
- 4 vehicles
- 4 power supply facility
- 5 bridges damaged

3. **Measures taken by the Albanian government:**

All the operational structures are in operation to assist the affected population. Also municipalities have set up the Assessment Commissions, to identify one by one each house, building and other facilities in order to have the exact number and the value of the damages.

Also there are distributed manufactured materials (tents, blankets and pillow etc.) and items for first aid but the request is high compared to the reserves. Also we need external experts to assist our internal experts for assessment of the damages caused on the structure of the houses and other buildings.

4. **Request for support**

In the light of the emergency that our country is experiencing the Government has decided to request international assistance.

From our assessment and also lessons learned from past civil emergencies operations we conclude that the provision of the items listed below would enhance our capacities and capabilities to respond more efficiently to the effects caused by earthquake and the floods. Having said that, we would kindly ask to assist Albania as follows:

No.	Items	Quantity	Pieces
1.	Tents for 5 - 10 persons	500	pieces
2.	Field tents	200	pieces
3.	Temporary shelter kits	500	pieces
4.	First aid kits	500	pieces
6.	Sleeping bags	500	pieces
7.	Blankets	1000	pieces
8.	Sleeping Beds	1000	pieces
9.	Portable bed	200	pieces
10.	Sheets	500	pieces
11.	Pillow/caps pillow	500	pieces
12.	water drainage pumps/high capacity pump	50	pieces

13.	Generator	100	pieces
14.	Headlamps /hand lamps	300	pieces
15.	Extension ladder	20	pieces
16.	Concrete chain saw, hydraulic, diamond blade	10	pieces
17.	Hydraulic breaker	10	pieces
18.	Modular bridges for 5 damaged bridges	165	linear meter
19.	Items for giving first aid (flour, oil, rice, pasta, sugar, canned meat, salt, detergent, soap)	1000	pieces
20.	Copernicus satellite maps		
21.	Any other item necessary to effectively deal with the consequences of the earthquake.		

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6. Point of entry for international assistance can be:

- Tirana International Airport
- Port of Durres
- Port of Vlora
- Border crossing point Muriqan
- Border crossing point Hani i Hotit
- Border crossing point Morina
- Border crossing point Kakavi