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From: Gordon, Phillip H
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Jake: When I briefed S this morning on what we were doing on Russian forest fires she asked what others were doing, and I said I'd get back to her. Answer is below. Could you pls pass this info along? Thanks.

Eleven **European** countries (France, Italy, Germany, Poland, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus and Latvia) have supplied firefighters (515 total currently in Russia) and heavy firefighting equipment (fire trucks, mobile pumping stations, bulldozers etc.), three airplanes and six helicopters. Italy and France are providing the fire fighting aircraft. The European Commission has offered to transport affected children to EU states or non-affected areas of Russia for treatment of respiratory illnesses. It has also provided masks, water, health assistance, and general non-food items. **China** has provided \$4m total in cash and relief supplies so far. NATO offered to help but Moscow was uninterested.

U.S. assistance totals \$4.5m, including \$3.5m in specialized firefighting equipment, \$350k in planned capacity building, and \$50k in humanitarian assistance (bedding, food parcels). Russia has publicly thanked the U.S. for its assistance.

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