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PRESS RELEASE FROM HOLIDAYTRAVELWATCH™

CONSUMER GROUP CONDEMNS TURKISH BOMBINGS

HolidayTravelWatch is saddened to hear of the latest atrocity in Turkey. The Organisation considers that such an attack is unwarranted against holidaymakers, and the people of Turkey, all of whom are simply trying to enjoy the benefits of their hard work, or reap the benefits that flow from this major source of income. HolidayTravelWatch has previously commented upon similar attacks on tourism and would repeat those comments and views.

The Organisation was concerned to hear comments within the BBC News from a British Tourist, whereby a tour operator's representative made light of the extent of the bombings. It appears that some tourists may now wish to come home.

Frank Brehany, MD of HolidayTravelWatch states, "I can appreciate that in such a situation, actions or comments can sometimes seem at odds with a serious event. Stressful incidents can, and do lead people to make errors of judgements, both in their actions and words. However, I would hope that senior management in these travel companies will give serious thought on how to advise their representatives and thereafter, their valued customers. In addition I hope that British tour operators give serious consideration to requests from British Holidaymakers who simply want to come home, or from those about to go, and either fly them home without delay or change their holidays without penalty. Whilst such actions may not help the Turkish people in these areas, I believe that in the long run, holidaymakers will be more inclined to return to this beautiful country, if their concerns are addressed at this time".

He concludes, "These were terrifying events for all involved. This Organisation's deepest sympathies and respect go to all the families and holidaymakers, whatever their nationality, and the Turkish

people, affected by these acts of terror. To those who have committed these vile acts, once again I say, there is no benefit attacking ordinary working people be they holidaymakers or those who rely on their hard earned cash, these are innocents, they should be left alone".

HolidayTravelWatch is a National Consumer Organisation which provides information, advice and assistance to the holidaymaker or independent traveller, who experiences problems with their travel arrangements. In eleven years 120,000 people have benefited from the help provided by HolidayTravelWatch, with some 40% being empowered to resolve their own claims by the information the organisation provides on their consumer rights.

HolidayTravelWatch has campaigned in the past for improvements in travel safety and is proud to have been associated with some of the leading broadcast and print media projects aimed at informing the consumer. HolidayTravelWatch continues with that campaigning spirit and continues to work closely with the media and government departments alike.

Full details of the work of HolidayTravelWatch can be found on www.holidaytravelwatch.com

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