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Press Release

National Chamber of Tourism

In reference to the Travel Warning issued on Nov. 21st 2012 by the US Department of State, http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5816.html which among others states that: "U.S. citizens do not appear to be targeted based on their nationality. Resort areas and tourist destinations generally have lower levels of crime and violence than other areas of the country. Moreover, tourists traveling with group tours only rarely report criminal incidents." And furthermore recommends that: "Whenever possible, travel in groups of two or more persons. Avoid wearing jewelry and do not carry large sums of money or display cash, ATM/credit cards, or other valuables."

The National Chamber of Tourism expresses great concern about the safety of visitors and tourists which has translated into immediate action through the implementation of safe tourist routes located in La Ceiba, Trujillo, San Pedro Sula and Copan with the additional support of special tourism police units. This initiative is the result of a joint taskforce between the Presidency, National Chamber of Tourism, Ministry of Security and Ministry of Tourism.

Due to this initiative, as far as can be ascertained at this stage, no visitor or tourist has come to any harm. Furthermore, all airlines, ground tour operators, hotels and other service providers are working normally and have reported full bookings for upcoming special events related to The New Beginning of the Maya Time Cycle 2012, as well as for the spring and summer season of 2013.

In addition to the general common sense recommendations of the US Embassy in Tegucigalpa, which can be applied to any tourism destination of the world or perhaps even visitor's home town, we suggest checking for the Registry Number of the National Tourism Registry of your selected service provider to ensure business legitimacy.

We hereby reiterate our utmost concern for the safety of our visitors and for the highest quality of their experience. We will continue to work intensively to assure both.

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