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PRESS RELEASE FROM HOLIDAYTRAVELWATCH™

HOLIDAYTRAVELWATCH DONATES TO UNICEF'S KENYAN APPEAL

HolidayTravelWatch continues to monitor the situation in Kenya. It notes the mounting crisis, both political and humanitarian. Our deep sympathies are expressed to all those affected by this tragedy. In recognition of the need to provide assistance to those in need, HolidayTravelWatch has made a donation to the appeal launched by UNICEF, designed to assist the children and their families in Kenya.

Frank Brehany, the MD of HolidayTravelWatch states:

"We remain deeply concerned for the people of Kenya, and truly hope, that our small gesture, in some way, contributes to the well being of the Kenyan people, and hope that their country experiences peace and recovery"

He concludes,

"We are receiving calls from holidaymakers, affected by the Kenyan crisis, and whether it is safe to travel. Holidaymakers are also beginning to discover that their insurance companies are refusing to provide cover, thus making it difficult or impossible for holidaymakers to travel. Many are experiencing intransigence and lack of compassion from travel providers. There are many issues that arise from those difficulties for which we shall provide guidance. I confess I do not understand a corporate ethic faced on the one hand in operating in a country which reports 600 deaths, 250,000 people displaced, widespread ethnic cleansing, families lost, children suffering from extreme malnutrition, and the desire to present that everything is operating normally in beach resorts. What must ordinary Kenyans think of the contrast of two worlds, the world of chaos and the world of normal holidays? The idea that holidays can continue as normal, is an obscenity. Kenya needs time to heal; it is not the time for a holiday!"

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All Holidaymakers affected by any of these issues should call the National Helpline 08450179229 or make contact through the Organisation's website –

www.holidaytravelwatch.com

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 130,000 people have benefited from the help provided by HolidayTravelWatch, with over 46% 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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