

Head Office

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We would like to hereby take the opportunity to express that, in light of the declarations by Republic of Turkey, Prime Minister H.E. Binali YILDIRIM, the security measures throughout Turkey and in major cities like Ankara and Istanbul have been raised to the highest level following recent unfortunate events throughout the country in order to ensure the safety of all civilians. Airports and all touristic facilities are fully functioning and the tourists in Turkey are happily continuing their vacations.

In addition to that, yesterday a 3 months State of Emergency has been declared upon the decision taken by the Turkish Government. However, please rest assure that, this State of Emergency, will not effect the daily life of the civilians, and international travellers. As we see many examples in many countries that this state will neither effect "the freedom of travel," nor limit our daily routine.

Such turbulent events, examples of which we have unfortunately been witnessing more frequently than ever lately throughout the world, not only take innocent lives but also target to scare and thus thwart the global freedom of travel, for which the global travel industry is in dire need to firmly stand together and manifest to the world the utmost solidarity and fraternity to withstand any menace against the wellbeing of humanity, nations and the travel sector.

We are extremely sure that through such difficult times for our nation and sector, we will not be deprived of your heartfelt support and solidarity.

Once again we reiterate our cordial appreciation of your sensitivity on the matter and hope that the fruitful tourism relations between our countries will persevere.

Sincerely yours,

**ASSOCIATION OF TURKISH TRAVEL AGENCIES
(TÜRSAB),**

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Secretary General**