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#### **Dominican Republic presents tourism recovery plan**

Santo Domingo.-The Government of the Dominican Republic presented on Tuesday the Responsible Tourism Recovery Plan. The presentation, announced from the National Palace, was attended by President Luis Abinader, the Minister of Tourism, David Collado, among other authorities.

President Abinader explained that, in addition to taking into consideration strict preventive measures to preserve the health of foreign visitors and the human resources that work in hotel services, transport and restaurants, the Government will implement several economic relief measures destined for this industry of the economy.

The broad package of measures to promote the recovery of the tourism industry, which includes DOP\$ 420 million in promotion and agreements with airlines to ensure routes, economic support, tax flexibility, monetary measures, a guarantee fund, credit support for small and medium-sized businesses, and the creation of a government-managed health insurance for tourists who may be affected by COVID-19.

Abinader spoke during the presentation of the Responsible Tourism Recovery Plan, an event that was attended by Vice President Raquel Peña; the Minister of Tourism, David Collado and the Tourism Advisor to the Presidency, Joel Santos.

He said that in dialogue with the industry measures have been taken as of September 1 and cited the reduction for the September-November period of the APA rate to 35%; elimination of the advance payment for six months; elimination of the 1% payment on assets until June 2021. Also, the extension for a period of two years and the completion of projects approved by CONFOTUR. In addition, the schedule for delivery companies will be more flexible.

He explained that the recovery strategy is based on 4 fundamental pillars: governance, health risk management, communication and financial support; that they will act in a joint and coordinated manner to achieve normality in the sector and emerge stronger and in better conditions once the pandemic passes.

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