Dear Attendees,

We are very much looking forward to seeing you next week at Atlas Network’s Latin America Liberty Forum in Santo Domingo. I am sending this note to provide an update on traveling to the Dominican Republic.

The Atlas Network team has been monitoring news reports related to tourist illnesses in Punta Cana, a resort region several hours away from Santo Domingo, where all Atlas Network events are taking place. We have also consulted the U.S. State Department, the Centers for Disease Control, and other sources for the latest travel advisories.

We have concluded that our event attendees will not be at great risk in Santo Domingo. Consequently, the 2019 Latin America Liberty Forum and related events are moving ahead as scheduled.

We recommend that you do not visit Punta Cana before or after our conference in Santo Domingo.

Of course, as with any of our events, we do suggest you observe the following general health and safety best practices:

1. Do not eat or drink anything from an unknown source. Drinking bottled water only, even using it to brush your teeth, is almost always a good idea when traveling if for no other reason than different environments, though often sanitary, may include elements that are foreign to a traveler's diet. You should always check the seals on bottles of water before drinking them. Note that we have requested that the hotel provide extra bottles of water in each of our attendees’ hotel
rooms for that purpose. You might also elect to take the extra precaution of avoiding fresh produce when ordering any meals outside the conference.

2. Order a taxi to the hotel from within the airport terminal at an official taxi desk. Ask the hotel to arrange a taxi to return to the airport.

3. When using Uber, always confirm the arriving vehicle's license plate matches with the information provided in the App. While Uber is perfectly fine and safe in the city, be aware that there have been some instances with Uber airport transfers where the app will provide a rate, but the Uber driver will give a different (and much higher) rate and demand you pay in cash.

4. Never wander around alone, especially at night. If you go to any locations that are not part of the Atlas Network events, go with a group and visit known locations only, based on advice from the hotel concierge.

5. Drink only what is provided to you directly from the bartender or server, and never leave your drink unattended. To protect yourself when consuming beverages, always check the seal on the bottle. This rule applies to the guest room minibar and the hotel gift shop or pantry.

If you have any additional questions or concerns about the upcoming event and your travel plans, do not hesitate to contact me. My number is (202) 449-8434.

We look forward to a successful event in Santo Domingo and thank you for your association with Atlas Network.

See you there,
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