



UPDATE ON FLOOD SITUATION MADEIRA, PORTUGAL

Tuesday 23rd February 2010 – Cleaning and recovery work in Madeira is proceeding quickly and effectively, further to the adverse weather conditions, which took place on Saturday 20th February 2010.

To date, 42 people have been proclaimed dead and 32 are missing. Of the 70 people who were injured in the flooding, only 18 remain in hospital.

370 people have been displaced from their homes and are currently being given shelter in the military infantry quarters.

The main tourism areas of Estrada Monumental and Lido are operating normally.

Public services have reopened today running at the minimum level. Urgent passport requirements will be granted at the Loja do Cidadão, contactable by telephone numbers: +351 291 21 22 00 / +351 291 21 2216.

Electricity has been restored to the whole of Funchal and is currently being reinstated in the Serra D'Água area. Water has been restored to all parts of the island apart from the highlands of Funchal (Santo António) and Ponta do Sol.

Mobile phone reception and internet connection has been reinstated to the areas of Santana, São Vicente and Porto Moniz, fully restoring communication to the island.

Schools in Funchal, Câmara de Lobos and Ribeira Brava will be closed today.

Both Funchal Airport and the Harbour continue to be operational and running. The ferry boat connections to Porto Santo are also running a regular service.

The main roads are still accessible from the East to the Ribeira Brava district. The road from Ribeira Brava to São Vicente in the North of the island remains closed.

The Secretary of Tourism for Madeira, Ms. Conceição Estudante will be holding daily press conferences at 1200 hrs and 1830 hrs at **The Presidency, Quinta Vigia, Avenida Do Infante, No. 1, Funchal** to provide regular updates on the situation.

The island of Madeira is grateful for the overwhelming messages of support and solidarity communicated across the globe.