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Ms. Natalia Chelnokova,
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Dear Natalia,

RE: DENGUE FEVER EPIDEMIC IN COLOMBO

We were terribly disturbed to be informed today that spokesman for the Russian Foreign Ministry Alexander Lukashovich has Tweeted from MFA and also in a message headlined in tourprom.ru that there is a dengue epidemic in Sri Lanka.

THIS MESSAGE IS FACTUALLY INCORRECT !

We contacted the Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka to check the veracity of the statement made by the "Spokesman".

They informed us that although the mosquito-borne menace had reached a peak in the months of May & June, timely action by the government, private sector institutions, public and schools carried out dengue eradication activities, to keep the environment clean to prevent the spread of dengue had successfully halted the epidemic spreading. All government and private hospitals had adequate stocks of medical supplies which were dispensed to those affected

Very sadly, of all the Countries in the World generating tourists to Sri Lanka, Russia is the only Country which has issued a communique of this nature ?

Be rest assured that there is **NO SUCH EPIDEMIC IN SRI LANKA**

Please advise your clients that it is perfectly safe to travel

As you know, if ever there is a situation which could provide a threat to your clients we will always be the first to inform you

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information or clarification.

Sincerely yours,
JETWING TRAVELS (PRIVATE) LIMITED.

Raju Arasaratnam

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