

Fact Sheet: Flying to the Republic of Cyprus the Legal Way

- ◆ All international airlines except for Turkish and Turkish Cypriot Airlines respect the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus and fly only into the legal ports of entry of the Republic of Cyprus
- ◆ Direct flights into occupied Cyprus are inconsistent with the principles of international law and are in violation of local Cypriot laws.
- ◆ The sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus is confirmed by U.N. Security Council Resolutions 514 in 1983 and 550 in 1984.
- ◆ International law mandates that flights cannot enter a country's airspace without consent of the sovereign government.
- ◆ The United States' domestic law supports international law and the international custom of nations per the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation (1944). The Chicago Convention binds all signatories, including the United States, Cyprus, and Turkey.
- ◆ The Republic of Cyprus has not authorized flights into occupied airports.
- ◆ Flights into occupied airports raise serious human and property right issues as the airports are located on seized property resulting from the illegal Turkish invasion.
- ◆ The Republic of Cyprus encourages visits to the occupied area through legal ports of entry, which is consistent with international law.