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“SCRAP THE TOURIST TAX AND GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON...”

- President of the Majorcan Hoteliers Federation, Maria Frontera, says that the island must be prepared to start welcoming tourists when it is safe to travel.
- She also called on the Balearic government to help the industry by scrapping the controversial holiday levy and providing help for the industry.



Maria Frontera, President of the Hoteliers Federation.

Palma.—The President of the Majorcan Hotel Federation Maria Frontera said yesterday that the island should be ready so that it could start welcoming back tourists as soon as possible.

“We don’t know what is going to happen in the long or even short term, but we must be ready,” she told the *Bulletin*.

Comments from the Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, who claimed that the holiday season would not get into full swing until September and British minis-

ters telling the public not to book their summer holidays led to her to call on politicians to measure their words. “Statements like these are obviously going to have a major impact on the tourist industry.”

Frontera said that they would like to see the local government suspend the controversial tourist tax. “We asked them to do so last year and they didn’t and we are asking them again this year...”

The President of the Hoteliers Federa-

tion said that some of their members needed help with hotels facing a large tax bill and charges for amenities even though in most cases they had been closed.

Looking ahead to the season she said that the industry and the whole island should be ready to respond to new circumstances.

“The pilot scheme on the Playa de Palma, (when Majorca welcomed the first tourists in Spain) is an example of what can be done.”

She went on to say that there was reason for hope at the moment with the vaccine and she said that she was looking forward to welcoming back British tourists in the not too distant future.

“We miss you and we want to see you again in the not too distant future,” she said.

“In these hard times we must all work together to ensure that Majorca is prepared for whatever may happen in the future...”