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Mumbai Terrorist Attacks and Crew Member Safety

The Union has been monitoring the situation in Mumbai, India to ensure the safety of our crews. The terrorist attacks in Mumbai have had limited impact to the flight operations of Continental, however, the impact to crew members cannot be minimized. As the Company reported, the crew departing on the day of the attacks, had departed for the airport and was not affected by the attacks. The crew arriving that day, was secured in the layover hotel in Mumbai for an extra day, and was briefed by the State Department during their stay. The Continental layover hotel was not attacked by the terrorists, which is fortunate, considering that this was not the case for some other international airline crews. The attacks took place at the Taj Mahal and Oberoi Hotels where the Northwest/Delta crews were staying. They also were thankfully safe and were evacuated to Amsterdam. Immediate assistance was required in these cases and some crews were reportedly airlifted from their layover hotel, a traumatic and unenviable experience. Continental crewmembers that remained in Mumbai arrived Saturday in Newark and have been afforded the services of Company EAP. Crews that are currently continuing daily departures to Mumbai are being briefed prior to departure by corporate security and having questions and concerns addressed. The Union is not aware of any incidents of required duty on these flights. Crewmembers should notify their local Union representation should any problems occur. The Union would like to commend working crewmembers for their bravery, fortitude, and professionalism during this difficult time.

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