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Foiled Terrorist attack on NWA flight 253

ATLANTA - Alliance of Nigerian Organizations in Georgia (ANOG), an organization of Nigerians residing in Georgia, United States of America watched, with shock the news of attempted terrorist act by Umar Mutallab, a Nigerian on board Northwest/Delta Airline Flight #253 from Amsterdam to Detroit, on December 25, 2009. ANOG unequivocally denounces this barbaric act of violence in the strongest possible terms and expects that law enforcement officials will investigate and resolve this matter as swiftly and justly as possible.

We applaud the courage and heroism of some of the passengers who put their lives in danger in subduing the alleged terrorist. We are grateful and thankful to God that no one was hurt. We state very clearly that as a people, we abhor all forms of terrorism. ANOG is calling on appropriate authorities, especially the Federal Government of Nigeria, to cooperate fully with efforts to find the cause/s and people responsible for this despicable act.

Nigerians in the United States and elsewhere stand ready to do their part in ensuring the safety of lives and property at all times. We hope that this heinous act would not be used as a profiling tool or an index of perception of the generality of honorable, peaceable and hardworking Nigerians. Nigerians are peaceful, law abiding and friendly people, who are committed to the pursuit of peace, excellence and harmonious co-habitation among people.