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Letter dated 23 April 1980 from the Permanent Representative of
Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to further and serious violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by two jet fighters of the Turkish airforce, which on 17 April repeatedly flew over both the occupied areas as well as the free areas of the Republic of Cyprus from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The jet fighters were observed as follows:

At 9.57 a.m. and 10.46 a.m. these aircraft flew north of Kyrenia in a westerly direction.

Between 10.46 a.m. and 10.57 a.m. they flew over the areas of Morphou, Agion Trimithias, Malounta, Orounta, Vizakia, Xeros, Limnitis and Polis Chrysochous.

Between 11 and 11.05 a.m. the two aircraft flew over Filia, Agia Marina, Skilloura, Ayios Vassilios, Ayios Ermolaos and Sisklipos and made two dives to an altitude of 300 metres, strafing with machine gun fire the area of Ayios Ermolaos, where Turkish military exercises were taking place.

Also between 11.10 and 11.15 a.m. Turkish military aircraft violated the airspace of Cyprus over Asprovounaron, Melousia and Piroi.

In strongly protesting, on behalf of my Government, the above aggressive actions of Turkey, I wish to point out that these actions take place once again

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at a crucial phase of the Cyprus situation, thereby clearly demonstrating Turkey's lack of political will towards finding a peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem.

I should be grateful if you were to circulate this letter as a document of the General Assembly, under item 23 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Andreas V. MAVROMMATIS
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Cyprus to the United Nations
