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Letter dated 3 June 1981 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 Excellency's attention to further violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by jet fighters of the Turkish air force.

On 1 June 1981, between 7.30 and 7.45 a.m., two jet fighters of the Turkish air force flew over the areas of Pentadaktylos, Skylloura, Philia and Morphou. The airspace was further violated over the areas of Troodos, Kyperounta, Astromeritis, Mahairas, Lakatamia, Nicosia airport, Tymbou, Geri and Mia Milia.

On 2 June 1981, between 9.15 and 9.30 a.m., three F104 Turkish jet fighters, originating from Turkey, flew over the southern parts of the Pentadaktylos range in an easterly direction and repeatedly dived over the Kamilostrata Heights, east of Petra tou Dhiyeni and south of Tziaos.

At approximately 10.45 a.m. of the same day, four F104 Turkish jet fighters were observed flying four miles north of Kyrenia. At 10.50 a.m., they flew over Pentadaktylos and south-west of the Agios Ermalaos Heights where they made repeated dives. The jet fighters were last observed flying in a northwesterly direction at 11.09 a.m.

On behalf of my Government, I wish to protest strongly the above aggressive actions by Turkey, since they occur at a very sensitive time of the intercommunal talks, which require constructive efforts for a peaceful solution of the Cyprus problem.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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