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Letter dated 13 January 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. of the
Permanent Mission 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 once again to violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by jet-fighters of the Turkish Air Force which took place on 12 January 1982 as follows:

From 0900 to 0910 hours, two Turkish A/F F-104 jet-fighters flying in formation, originating from the southern part of Turkey, flew south and along the Pentadaktylos range in an easterly direction over the villages of Agios Demetrios, Mia Milia and Kithrea where they carried out dives and then headed off to the east.

From 0916 to 0928 hours, two Turkish A/F F-104 jet-fighters flying in formation, flew south of Pentadaktylos in a westerly direction over the heights of Kafkala (north Philia) and Messaron (north Kyras) where they carried out dives and then headed off to the north.

At 0930 hours, two Turkish A/F F-104 jet-fighters flew south of Pentadaktylos over the villages of Tymbou and Agias and then headed off to the east.

From 1015 to 1029 hours, two Turkish A/F F-104 jet-fighters flew over the Kafkala heights (north Philia) where they carried out dives and then headed off to the north.

At 1055 hours, two Turkish A/F F-104 jet-fighters flew over the village of Tymbou where they carried out dives and then headed off to the east.

During the above repeated dives, the A/F F-104 Turkish jet-fighters strafed with gun-fire ground targets.

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The aforesaid violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus were part of military exercises, including infantry battalions.

On behalf of my Government, I wish to protest strongly the above aggressive actions of Turkey and to point out that they have again taken place in a most sensitive phase of the Cyprus problem, only a few days after the resumption of the intercommunal talks this year.

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

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