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Letter dated 19 March 1982 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, once again, to violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by jet-fighter planes of the Turkish Air Force, which took place on 15 March 1982 as follows:

1. From 0915 to 0926 hours, two Turkish Air Force F-4 jet-fighter planes flying in formation, originating from the southern part of Turkey, flew south and along the Pentadaktylos Range of the Republic of Cyprus in a westerly direction, and subsequently over the area north of Skylloura where they carried out dives and then headed off to the northwest.

2. From 1019 to 1028 hours, two other Turkish Air Force F-4 jet-fighter planes, flying in formation, flew north and along the Pentadaktylos Range in a westerly direction, and subsequently passed over the area north of Skylloura where they carried out dives and then headed off to the northwest.

The aforesaid violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by the Turkish Air Force, were part of military exercises, which included the participation of infantry battalions, that took place in the area north of Skylloura.

On behalf of my Government, I wish to protest strongly the above aggressive actions of Turkey and to point out what was indicated several times in the past: that those actions constitute a flagrant violation of the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus. Such actions by Turkey are contrary to repeated General

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Assembly and Security Council resolutions on Cyprus and, more particularly, to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 34/30 which "affirms the right of the Republic of Cyprus and its people to full and effective sovereignty and control over the entire territory of Cyprus and its natural and other resources and calls upon all States to support and help the Government of Cyprus to exercise the above-mentioned rights".

Furthermore, it should be pointed out that, while Turkey publicly proclaims its support for a political solution of the Cyprus problem through the intercommunal talks, its continuing occupation of approximately 40 per cent of the territory of the Republic of Cyprus and its utter disregard for the relevant United Nations resolutions prove once again that its goal is the consolidation of the faits accomplis brought about by the invasion of the Republic of Cyprus and the occupation of its territory.

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

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