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Letter dated 13 August 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 to further violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by jet fighter-planes of the Turkish Air Force, which took place on 11 August 1982 as follows:

1. From 0941 to 0945 hours, two Turkish Air Force F-104 jet fighters originating from the southern part of Turkey flew south of the Pentadaktylos Range of the Republic of Cyprus in a westerly direction over the area of Kyparissovounon, the village of Skylloura and the Lapatsa Heights where they carried out three dives each and subsequently flew in formation over the area of military exercises in the Lapatsa Heights and headed off to the north.

2. From 1132 to 1140 hours, two Turkish Air Force F-104 jet fighters originating from the northern part of the Republic of Cyprus, in the area of Kormakitis, flew over north of the Lapatsa Heights where they carried out five dives each and subsequently headed off to the north.

The above violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by the Turkish Air Force were part of military exercises, in which infantry battalions also participated, which took place in the area of Lapatsa Heights.

In strongly protesting, on behalf of my Government, the above aggressive actions of Turkey, which once again take place at a highly sensitive phase of the Cyprus problem, I wish to point out that such actions constitute a flagrant violation of the sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus.

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Furthermore, such actions, added to the continuing occupation by Turkey, for the eighth consecutive year, of approximately 40 per cent of the Republic of Cyprus, constitute an affront to the repeated General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on Cyprus and run counter to Turkey's public proclamations in support of a political solution to the Cyprus problem through peaceful negotiations.

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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Permanent Representative of the Republic
of Cyprus to the United Nations
