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Letter dated 15 March 1979 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 revert to the continued violations by Turkey of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

Turkey has recently escalated military manoeuvres in the occupied part of Cyprus by including, for the first time, an air component entailing "bombing attacks", between 10 and 15 March 1979, over the areas of Tymbou (WD-4590), Angolemi (WD-2586) and Kyra (WD-0495), situated close to the cease-fire line.

The obvious purpose of these new military activities, taking place near the sensitive cease-fire line, is to terrorize the civilian population of the Republic and to exert psychological pressure on the Government of Cyprus.

Thus, Turkey not only has acted and continues to act, in the case of Cyprus, in contravention of the purposes and principles of the United Nations and particularly the principle of refraining from the threat or use of force but also, far from taking, as duty-bound, measures designed to build confidence, is insolently increasing tension in Cyprus.

In protesting and denouncing once again Turkey's aggressive conduct, I am confident that Your Excellency and the members of the Security Council, given the time context of the holding of the aforementioned manoeuvres, will not lose sight of the adverse effect of such actions on your efforts to obtain a resumption of the intercommunal talks.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 21 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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Cyprus to the United Nations