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Letter dated 31 October 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 30 October 2019, addressed to you by the Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, İsmet Korukoğlu (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 41, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Bilge **Koçyiğit Grba** Deputy Permanent Representative Chargé d'affaires a.i.





Annex to the letter dated 31 October 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I would like to draw your kind attention to 17 violations of the national airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus between 4 June and 8 October 2019 by Greece and the Greek Cypriot administration (see enclosure).

These provocative actions by Greece and the Greek Cypriot administration cause serious concern and constitute a blatant violation of the sovereignty of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Such hostile actions also pose a serious threat to the safety of international civil aviation, putting the lives of civilian passengers at risk. It is unacceptable that the aircraft listed in the enclosure refrained from responding to the radio calls of Ercan Airport air control centre over the international emergency frequency (121.5 MHz), in clear violation of yet another international civil aviation rule aimed at preserving flight safety.

I wish to underline that there exist two independent, self-governing States on the island of Cyprus, each exercising sovereignty and jurisdiction within its respective territory, and that the flights within the sovereign airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus can be carried out only with the full knowledge and permission of the relevant authorities of our State. The civil aviation authority of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is the only competent body to provide air traffic and aeronautical information services within its own national airspace.

We hereby protest, in the strongest possible manner, the violation of the airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, as well as the infringements by the Greek Cypriot administration and Greece of the international air traffic rules and regulations, and call upon them to cease their provocations. We also urge the United Nations and the international community not to condone these provocative actions that have the potential to escalate the tension in our region and jeopardize the lives of civilian passengers.

I would be grateful if the present letter and its enclosure could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 41, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) İsmet **Korukoğlu** Representative

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Enclosure

Violations of the national airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus between 4 June and 8 October 2019

Date	Type of aircraft	Country of origin	Coordinates (entry)	Coordinates (exit)
4 June	C-130	Greece	35 06 35 N, 032 47 50 E	35 05 27 N, 032 51 54 E
5 June	C-130	Greece	35 06 38 N, 032 47 45 E	35 05 30 N, 032 51 53 E
19 June	C-130	Greece	35 06 35 N, 032 47 46 E	35 05 25 N, 032 51 54 E
20 June	C-12A	Greece	35 06 32 N, 032 47 50 E	35 05 26 N, 032 51 53 E
2 July	C-130	Greece	35 06 36 N, 032 47 47 E	35 05 31 N, 032 51 54 E
18 July	C-130	Greece	35 06 33 N, 032 47 49 E	35 05 30 N, 032 51 53 E
19 July	C-27J	Greece	35 06 28 N, 032 47 52 E	35 05 24 N, 032 51 54 E
23 July	AB-206	Greek Cypriot administration	35 10 46 N, 033 22 18 E	35 10 52 N, 033 20 50 E
29 July	EMB-135	Greece	35 05 18 N, 032 49 23 E	35 05 00 N, 032 51 42 E
30 July	C-130	Greece	35 06 44 N, 032 47 41 E	35 05 32 N, 032 51 54 E
13 August	C-130	Greece	35 06 33 N, 032 47 56 E	35 05 24 N, 032 51 52 E
27 August	C-130	Greece	35 06 37 N, 032 47 47 E	35 05 31 N, 032 51 54 E
10 September	C-130	Greece	35 12 32 N, 032 35 48 E	35 12 24 N, 032 37 41 E
10 September	C-130	Greece	35 12 19 N, 032 42 02 E	35 06 33 N, 032 58 17 E
11 September	C-130	Greece	35 06 37 N, 032 47 48 E	35 05 22 N, 032 51 54 E
30 September	C-27J	Greece	35 06 32 N, 032 47 49 E	35 05 27 N, 032 51 54 E
8 October	C-27J	Greece	35 06 39 N, 032 47 45 E	35 05 31 N, 032 51 55 E

Note: All coordinates are given in the following order: degree, minute, second.

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