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Letter dated 10 August 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 10 August 2020, addressed to you by the Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Mehmet Dâna (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Serhad Varli
Deputy Permanent Representative
Chargé d'affaires a.i.



**Annex to the letter dated 10 August 2020 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Upon instructions from my Government, I would like to draw your kind attention to 10 violations of national airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus between 1 November 2019 and 13 February 2020 by Greece and the Greek Cypriot administration (see enclosure).

These provocative actions by Greece and the Greek Cypriot administration constitute a blatant violation of the sovereignty of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and pose a serious threat to the safety of international civil aviation, putting the lives of civilian passengers at risk. It is also unacceptable that the aircraft listed in the enclosure refrained from responding to the radio calls of the 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.

In view of the foregoing, we strongly protest the said violations of the airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, as well as the infringements by Greece and the Greek Cypriot administration of the international air traffic rules and regulations, and call for the immediate cessation of such provocative actions. We also urge the United Nations and the international community not to condone these blatant violations 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 Security Council.

(Signed) Mehmet **Dânâ**
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

Enclosure**Violations of the national airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus between 1 November 2019 and 13 February 2020**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Type of aircraft</i>	<i>Call sign</i>	<i>Country of origin</i>	<i>Coordinates (entry)</i>	<i>Coordinates (exit)</i>
1 November	2 X F-16	HAF-340	Greece	35° 40' 28" N – 034° 03' 55" E	35° 19' 40" N – 034°25' 40" E
5 November	C-130	HAF-356K	Greece	35° 06' 21" N – 032° 53' 18" E	35° 08' 57" N – 032°42' 06" E
5 November	C-130	HAF-356K	Greece	35° 10' 20" N – 032° 37' 01" E	35° 10' 36" N – 032° 35' 46" E
3 December	C-130	HAF-356K	Greece	35° 05' 22" N – 032° 49' 24" E	35° 05' 01" N – 032° 51' 45" E
5 December	C-130	HAF-356K	Greece	35° 05' 22" N – 032° 51' 56" E	35° 06' 17" N – 032° 48' 11" E
31 December	C-130	HAF-256K	Greece	35° 05' 47" N – 032° 49' 01" E	35° 05' 16" N – 032° 51' 53" E
10 January	AB-412	P4	Greek Cypriot administration	35° 01' 25" N – 033° 29' 29" E	35° 00' 14" N – 033° 28' 35" E
28 January	C-130	HAWK-365K	Greece	35° 06' 40" N – 032° 47' 38" E	35° 05' 39" N – 032° 51' 51" E
13 February	C-27J	HAF-354C	Greece	35° 06' 53" N – 032° 58' 28" E	35° 11' 07" N – 032° 41' 58" E
13 February	C-27J	HAF-354C	Greece	35° 12' 16" N – 032° 37' 45" E	35° 12' 41" N – 032° 35' 51" E