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LETTER DATED 24 MARCH 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to bring to your knowledge that on 20 March Turkish war planes repeatedly violated Greek air space over the islands of Chios, Samos and Lesbos during Turkish military manoeuvres.

It cannot be doubted that these violations were committed deliberately, since there was excellent visibility during the whole day of 20 March in the area and the Turkish war planes were flying at low altitude (3,000 feet). It is therefore excluded that those aircraft entered Greek air space by mistake. The Greek Government considers that the above-stated violations were deliberate and should therefore be attributed to the expansionist policy of Turkey aiming at furthering the totally unfounded claim that the air space over the Greek islands near the Aegean coasts belongs to an area under Turkey's control.

The Greek Government has lodged a strong protest with the Turkish Government through both the Turkish Ambassador in Athens and the Greek Ambassador in Ankara, which was accompanied by a declaration that in case of a repetition of such violations of the air space of Greece, the Greek military authorities would have to take all the measures provided for by international law in such cases.

It need not be emphasized that incidents such as the above not only create a dangerous situation but, at the same time, jeopardize all efforts deployed by the Greek Government in order to resolve in a spirit of conciliation the difficulties created by Turkey's policies.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) George PAPOULIAS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Greece
to the United Nations