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Letter dated 28 November 1977 from the Permanent  
Representative of Turkey to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 28 November 1977 addressed to you by Mr. Nail Atalay, the representative of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 28, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ilter TURKMEN  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 28 November 1977 from Mr. Nail Atalay  
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a letter dated 16 November 1977 addressed to Your Excellency by His Excellency Mr. Rauf R. Denktaş President of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if this letter were to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 28, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nail ATALAY  
Representative of the  
Turkish Federated State of Cyprus

APPENDIX

Letter dated 16 November 1977 from Mr. Rauf R. Denktas  
to the Secretary-General

On 11 November 1977, a "Corvette" aircraft, under charter to Deutsche Lufttransport (DLT) Company of Frankfurt, took off from Brindisi, bound for ERCAN State Airport in north Cyprus, carrying cargo and experts for the tourist industry.

While the aircraft in question was crossing the Greek and Nicosia FIR boundary at point G18B, the Nicosia ACC Unit threatened the captain of the aircraft that, if he continued to ERCAN State Airport, he would be intercepted and all DLT aircraft would be banned from using the Larnaca Airport in south Cyprus. As, in the event of interception, there was the danger of the aircraft running out of fuel, the pilot was obliged to land at Larnaca Airport.

This act of piracy of the Greek Cypriot Civil Aviation Authorities forms part of the general policy of the illegal Greek Cypriot Administration to wage economic warfare against the Turkish Cypriot community simply because it defended its independence, which was threatened by the Greek Cypriots for 11 long years (1963-1974), and prevented the usurper Greek Cypriot Administration from uniting the island with Greece through the use of force.

I wish to place on record our strongest protestation against this act of piracy of the Greek Cypriot Administration which constitutes not only a flagrant contravention of the fundamental rights of the Chicago Convention on Transit Agreement, but also violates the principles of the International Civil Aviation Organization on safety of air navigation. I have sent a letter on similar terms to the President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

I trust that Your Excellency will kindly use your good offices in preventing the recurrence of such acts which, as you will also appreciate, are not conducive to the creation of the right atmosphere for the resumption of the intercommunal talks to which we are all looking forward.

I need not stress the fact that, despite this piratic action, which is being frequently resorted to by the Greek Cypriot Civil Aviation Authorities for the reasons explained above, the ERCAN Air Traffic Control Units (which as you know had to be established as an act of necessity when the Greeks denied air traffic services to international navigation in the northern portion of the Nicosia FIR), in co-ordination with Ankara ACC, will continue to provide air traffic using the ERCAN Advisory Air Space.

I should be grateful if this communication were to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 28, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rauf R. DENKTAŞ  
President of the  
Turkish Federated State of Cyprus