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Letter dated 20 January 1984 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 bring to your attention new provocative and aggressive actions by Turkey directed against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 18 January 1984, the Turkish occupation troops carried out extensive military exercises in the part of the Republic of Cyprus which, since the Turkish invasion and aggression of 1974, is under the military occupation of Turkey. The military exercises also included repeated violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by F-4 jet-fighters of the Turkish Air Force, flying in formation and originating from the southern part of Turkey. These violations took place as follows:

From 0830 to 0845 hours, the Turkish F-4 military jet-fighters flew over the Skylloura area (WE 15-03) where they carried out nine dives, during which they launched air-to-surface rockets and opened machine-gun fire.

From 1030 to 1045 hours, they flew over the Palekythro-Exo Metohi area (WD 47-96) where they carried out nine dives, during which they again launched air-to-surface rockets and opened machine-gun fire.

The above military exercises and the provocative violations of the airspace, as well as of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, demonstrate once more the aggressive policies pursued by Turkey and its persistent affront to the demands of the international community for compliance with and respect of international law and order, as envisaged by the Charter of the United Nations.

Turkey has so far demonstrated complete disregard and has turned a deaf ear to a host of United Nations resolutions on the question of Cyprus, which, inter alia, reaffirm the sovereign rights of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus over the entire territory of the Republic.

It is indeed unfortunate that these recent military activities of Turkey in the occupied territory of the Republic of Cyprus should come at a most sensitive time and strike a blow to your intensive efforts for the implementation of Security Council resolution 541 (1983), as well as to the ongoing search for a just and comprehensive solution of the Cyprus problem.

In strongly protesting, on behalf of my Government, these provocative military exercises and violations of the airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by the Turkish military forces, I wish to express once again the hope that Your Excellency will take due note of the above and proceed to such steps as may be deemed appropriate and necessary, in order to put an end to these and other violations of the sovereignty of Cyprus by Turkey.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 41, and of the Security Council.

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