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Letter dated 15 April 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 7 February 2008, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 6 February to 29 March 2008, as follows:

On 6 February 2008, two F-16 and two C-160 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 8 and 10 February 2008, two C-650 and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 12 February 2008, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations.

On 13 February 2008, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations, and two B-200 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 14 February 2008, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 15 February 2008, two C-650 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 20 February 2008, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations, and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.



- On 22 February 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.
- On 23 February 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.
- On 26 February 2008, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.
- On 27 February 2008, two B-200 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.
- On 28 February 2008, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.
- On 3 March 2008, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.
- On 4 March 2008, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations; two CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.
- On 5 March 2008, one C-130 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.
- On 10 March 2008, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.
- On 11 March 2008, two F-16, three CN-235 and three Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.
- On 12 March 2008, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.
- On 13 March 2008, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations.
- On 14 March 2008, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations.
- On 15 March 2008, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations.
- On 17 March 2008, two C-160 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

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On 19 March 2008, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations, and one CN-235 and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 25 March 2008, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations.

On 26 March 2008, two C-650 and two B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 29 March 2008, two C-650 Turkish military aircraft twice violated international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the aforementioned violations and call for their immediate cessation.

These violations blatantly endanger the safety of international civil aviation and contravene international law and air traffic regulations. Furthermore, they put at stake the peace and stability of the region. The Government of Turkey should heed the call of the international community, abide by the Charter of the United Nations and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, thus contributing to the creation of the required conditions for the achievement a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of the present letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 22, and of the Security Council.

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