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**Letter dated 22 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 22 April 2021, addressed to you by Mehmet Dâna, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 44, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Feridun H. **Sinirlioğlu**
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 22 April 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I would like to draw your kind attention to 13 violations of the national airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus between July 2020 and March 2021 by Greece (see enclosure).

These provocative actions by Greece 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 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 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 you would have the present letter and its enclosure circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 44, and of the Security Council.

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

Enclosure

<i>Date</i>	<i>Local time</i>	<i>Altitude</i>	<i>Aircraft type</i>	<i>Call sign</i>	<i>Country of origin</i>	<i>Coordinates (entry)</i>	<i>Coordinates (exit)</i>
31 July 2020	0949	14,000 ft	C-130	N/A	Greece	N 35°06'13", E 32°48'14"	N 35°05'10", E 32°51'51"
22 September 2020	1005	14,000 ft	C-130	HAF-356K	Greece	N 35°06'47", E 32°47'37"	N 35°05'35", E 32°51'55"
22 September 2020	1159	18,000 ft	C-130	HAF-356K	Greece	N 35°05'30", E 32°51'54"	N 35°06'44", E 32°47'46"
7 October 2020	1304	18,500 ft	C-130	N/A	Greece	N 35°05'26", E 32°49'23"	N 35°04'55", E 32°51'24"
23 October 2020	2047	1,800 ft	C-130	N/A	Greece	N 35°06'16", E 32°48'12"	N 35°05'49", E 32°51'54"
3 November 2020	1109	13,000 ft	C-130	HAF-356K	Greece	N 35°06'40", E 32°47'42"	N 35°05'34", E 32°51'53"
28 December 2020	1950	17,000 ft	C-130	HAF-356K	Greece	N 35°06'37", E 32°47'47"	N 35°05'30", E 32°51'54"
29 December 2020	1438	24,000 ft	C-130	HAF-356K	Greece	N 35°06'13", E 32°52'12"	N 35°09'01", E 32°42'05"
29 December 2020	1440	24,000 ft	C-130	HAF-356K	Greece	N 35°10'24", E 32°37'07"	N 35°10'24", E 32°35'51"
11 January 2021	1045	15,000 ft	C-27J	HAF-354C	Greece	N 35°06'39", E 32°47'40"	N 35°05'30", E 32°51'54"
9 February 2021	1250	16,000 ft	C-130	N/A	Greece	N 35°04'53", E 32°51'29"	N 35°05'37", E 32°49'13"
23 February 2021	1433	21,400 ft	C-130	HAF-356K	Greece	N 35°05'03", E 32°51'46"	N 35°06'24", E 32°48'01"
11 March 2021	2105	21,000 ft	C-130	N/A	Greece	N 35°06'22", E 32°48'04"	N 35°05'25", E 32°51'56"