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Excellency,

Upon instructions from my Government, I would like to draw your kind attention to the violations of the national airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in 2024 by the Greek Cypriot administration and Greece (see enclosure).

These provocative acts by the Greek Cypriot administration and 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 aircrafts listed in the enclosure refrained from responding to the radio calls of Ercan air control center 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 listed violations of the airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, as well as the infringement by the Greek Cypriot administration and Greece of international air traffic rules and regulations, and call for the immediate cessation of such provocative actions. We also urge the United Nations to take the necessary measures to end these blatant violations that have the potential to escalate the tension in the region and jeopardize the lives of civilian passengers.

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I would be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex, under agenda item 40, as an official document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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