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Letter dated 29 October 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 28 October 2025, addressed to you by Murat Soysal, 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 40, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ahmet Yıldız
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 29 October 2025 from the Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

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 between 1 January and 30 September 2025 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.

Ercan State Airport in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is in full conformity with all standards recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organization, and necessary upgrades have regularly been made to keep up with developing technology. Moreover, the number of air traffic controllers has been increased in accordance with the growing number of flights over the years, and the Ercan Area Control Centre is in regular and close cooperation with the Ankara Area Control Centre in order to ensure the safe conduct of all flights in the region. In 2024 alone, the number of passengers who used Ercan State Airport stood at 4,842,120. Moreover, 31,120 aeroplanes used Ercan State Airport for arrival and departure, and 174,090 aeroplanes used the Ercan Advisory Airspace in the same year. In that regard, it must also be stressed that the Turkish Cypriot side is committed to upholding the highest standards in the field of air navigation safety in full conformity with the Chicago Convention of 1944.

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 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 circulate the present letter and its enclosure as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 40, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Murat Soysal
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

Enclosure

Violations of the airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (1 January–30 September 2025)

| Date | Local time | Altitude (feet) | Aircraft type | Aircraft call sign | Nationality | Coordinates (entry) | Coordinates (exit) |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 26 April 2025 | 16:54 | 20,700 | EMB-135 | N/A | Greek Cypriot administration | 35°06'28"N, 032°47'57"E | 35°05'31"N, 032°51'54"E |
| 7 May 2025 | 07:33 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Greece | 35°06'45"N, 032°47'36"E | 35°05'32"N, 032°51'54"E |
| 13 May 2025 | 09:32 | 11,700 | C-130 | NAF-13 | Greece | 35°05'33"N, 032°49'20"E | 35°04'54"N, 032°51'25"E |
| 16 May 2025 | 18:33 | 21,500 | EMB-135 | CAF-001 | Greek Cypriot administration | 35°06'48"N, 032°47'31"E | 35°05'43"N, 032°52'00"E |
| 19 May 2025 | 17:40 | 10,000 | C-130 | N/A | Greece | 35°05'57"N, 032°48'42"E | 35°04'77"N, 032°51'55"E |
| 23 May 2025 | 16:01 | 18,000 | EMB-135 | CAF-001 | Greek Cypriot administration | 35°06'48"N, 032°47'31"E | N/A |
| 3 June 2025 | 11:56 | 23,000 | C-130 | N/A | Greece | 35°06'46"N, 032°47'35"E | 35°05'33"N, 032°51'53"E |
| 10 June 2025 | 12:44 | 18,700 | EMB-135 | CAF-001 | Greek Cypriot administration | 35°06'35"N, 032°47'50"E | 35°05'33"N, 032°51'53"E |
| 24 June 2025 | 09:43 | 14,700 | C-130 | HAF-356-K | Greece | 35°06'37"N, 032°47'46"E | 35°05'32"N, 032°51'54"E |
| 27 June 2025 | 13:03 | 20,000 | C-130 | CAF-001 | Greek Cypriot administration | 35°06'38"N, 032°47'43"E | 35°05'28"N, 032°51'52"E |
| 9 July 2025 | 09:35 | 16,500 | C-130 | HAF-356-K | Greece | 35°06'37"N, 032°47'46"E | 35°05'31"N, 032°51'54"E |
| 2 September 2025 | 09:28 | 11,000 | C-130 | HAF-356-K | Greece | 35°06'13"N, 032°48'14"E | 35°05'20"N, 032°51'53"E |
| 12 September 2025 | 09:33 | 12,000 | C-130 | HAF-356-K | Greece | 35°06'38"N, 032°47'45"E | 35°05'10"N, 032°51'52"E |
| 30 September 2025 | 18:41 | 12,000 | BEECHCRAFT KING AIR 360 | HAF-356-V | Greece | 35°05'29"N, 032°49'18"E | 35°04'59"N, 032°51'40"E |

Abbreviation: N/A, not applicable.