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**The Canadian Hellenic Congress Condemns Turkey's
Deployment of F-16 jets to the occupied Northern Cyprus
territory.**

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The deployment of six Turkish F-16 fighter jets to the occupied northern part of Cyprus is another violation of Cypriot sovereignty contrary to UN resolutions and US law. The Turkish move undermines the efforts of the UN to unify Cyprus and the stability in the Eastern Mediterranean and raises the issue of compliance with US arms export laws.

The Canadian Hellenic Congress (CHC) condemns the Turkish move and congratulates members of the US House of Representatives, namely Dina Titus (D-NV), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), and Gregory Meeks (D-NY) for raising this blatant violation and “strongly” condemning the Turkish decision.

As representative Titus put it, Ankara’s decision to deploy the F-16s in the occupied territory was “*unnecessarily provocative and a move that leads to further escalation.... [and] yet [this] another reason why Turkey is an unreliable ally.*” She also called upon President Trump not to approve the sale of F-35 fighter jets or to lift the sanctions under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA).

Similar statements were made by representatives Bilirakis and Meeks, noting the clear violation of Cypriot sovereignty and US law.

The CHC also calls upon the Canadian Government to condemn the Turkish decision and to call upon Turkey to withdraw the F-16s from the occupied Cypriot territories.

“*Time after time Turkey has ignored and violated UN resolutions and international norms and law*” said George Manios, CHC President. “Canada must add its voice on this and carefully choose dependable friends and partners that share our norms and values in the new world order,” he added.

The Canadian Hellenic Congress is a national democratic communal institution that represents, advances, advocates and promotes the interests and concerns of Canadians of Hellenic descent and Hellenism in general. The Congress is the national voice of Hellenes and their communities and/or organizations across Canada.