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Excellency,

I am writing to inform you on the attack which took place on Sunday May 10, 2015, against a Cook Islands flagged ship named "Tuna-1" belonging to a Turkish company.

Turkey strongly protests and condemns this attack against a ship carrying plasterboard cargo loaded from Spain *en route* to Tobruk port. The vessel, sailing off the coast of Tobruk, has been targeted by artillery fire from land. While it changed course and was trying to leave the area, it has been the target of two subsequent air attacks.

As a result of these criminal attacks in violation of international law, the third officer of the ship, a Turkish citizen, was killed, some of the crew members which included Turkish, Azeri and Georgian nationals were wounded and material damage occurred.

Turkey, reserving its rights stemming from international law, has also made the necessary representations to the relevant Libyan parties to protest the attack.

It is of vital importance that the international community and the United Nations ensure that similar attacks against civilians do not re-occur and that their perpetrators are brought to justice.

I would be grateful if this letter could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

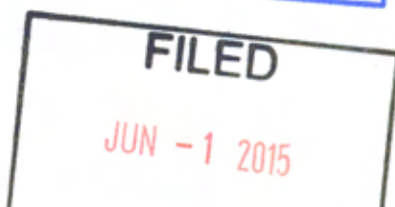
Please accept, Madame President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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