

Dear Secretary General,

With reference to your letter dated 13 February 2018, Ref.: AS8/5-18/17, requesting information on enforcement and new legal provisions by member states to address the issue of laser beam attacks towards civil aircrafts, I have the honour to inform you on the following measures taken by Turkey:

- On the basis of Chicago Convention Annex 11 and 14 and ICAO Document 9815, "Instruction for Protection of Aircrafts from the Harmful Effects of Laser Beam" (No.8200) was promulgated on 19 April 2005 by the General Directorate of Civil Aviation. Information regarding these new rules have been provided during several ICAO meetings regarding the issue.

- Relevant penal clauses are contained in the "Civil Aviation Law" (No.2920) dated 14 October 1983 and the "By-Law on Administrative Fines to be Charged by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation" dated 1 January 2014, which stipulates that "directing laser beam, interfering with communications or any other similar acts that puts at risk navigation safety of an aircraft" is punishable by a fine of 10 thousand Turkish liras" (about 2600 US dollars).

Please accept Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration,