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WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The United States accused Turkey on Thursday of provocative air movements near Greece in the northern Aegean Sea and said such incidents needlessly raised tensions between the two NATO allies.

The flights were "needlessly provocative and totally unnecessary," a State Department spokesman said, adding: "Military activity of this kind undermines confidence and needlessly exacerbates tensions between our two NATO allies."

"We call on Turkey to stop such actions," the spokesman said.