

**Draft Statement by H.E. Mr. ABDOU ABARRY,
Permanent Representative of Niger to the United Nations,
in his capacity as President of the Security Council for the
month of September, at the commemoration ceremony of
the 75th anniversary of the United Nations**

Mr. President of the General Assembly
Mr. Secretary General,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me at the outset, to extend to you, on behalf of the members of the Security Council and my own, my warmest congratulations on your brilliant election to the presidency of the 75th session of the General Assembly.

We have no doubt that your long and rich experience as a diplomat will enable you to successfully conduct the work of this session.

I would like to pay a vibrant tribute to your predecessor, His Excellency Mr. Tijjani Muhammad Bandé, for the work he accomplished in a context made particularly difficult by the Covid-19 pandemic.

I would also like to express our satisfaction for the constant contact he maintained between the General Assembly and the Security Council.

Mr. President,

The "The future we want, the United Nations we need: reaffirming our commitment to multilateralism", selected as the theme of the debate of the 75th General Assembly that you will preside over is very relevant and timely, as it refers us to the ideals and objectives that serve as the foundation of our organization. The examination of this theme will give us the opportunity to reaffirm our priorities in the face of the multiple crises and challenges facing the world and to propose appropriate responses to address them.

As you are also aware, the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of our organization, comes at a time when the international community continues to suffer the horrors of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The disastrous social, economic, and political consequences of this pandemic have exacerbated many challenges in the world and created new ones - be they humanitarian, environmental, or linked to conflict and insecurity.

These challenges include terrorism, transnational organized crime, cybercrime, the illicit arms trade, human trafficking, and drug trafficking, to name but a few.

Many wonder whether the international system that emerged from the San Francisco Conference is still effective in "promoting the economic and social development of all peoples" and

"maintaining international peace and security", in accordance with the Charter.

Global governance, which takes into account the changing global realities and challenges, is important. There is no other global organization that has the legitimacy, convening power and normative impact as the UN - the crucible par excellence of multilateralism - and the center of discussions on international cooperation, economic and social development, and international peace and security.

At this level, I welcome the discussion in the Security Council, on September 24th, of post-covid-19 global governance.

This high-level debate shall give us the opportunity to strengthen cooperation and solidarity in accordance with Chapter 1 of the Charter, dealing with the principles on which multilateralism is based.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I would like to reiterate the congratulations of the members of the Security Council and our readiness to maintain and strengthen the dynamic of cooperation with the General Assembly, as well as our wishes for full success in the accomplishment of your heavy and exhilarating mission.

Thank you for your kind attention