



**Statement delivered by H.E.Mr. José Ulisses Correia
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on the occasion of the High-Level Meeting to commemorate the
75th Anniversary of the United Nations**

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We offer our greetings and highest compliments to the President of the General Assembly and to Secretary General.

All protocols observed.

We congratulate all member states of the United Nations, as well the organization itself, on reaching this historic milestone.

We recognize seventy-five years of the United Nations' contributions to peace, security, freedom, democracy, promotion and protection of human rights, and the reduction of poverty around the world. The United Nations is may not be perfect, but neither is our world. That world, however, is a much better place because of the United Nations.

Our world, comprised of such a diversity of countries, needs governance on critical global issues of environmental protection, public health, economic development, financial systems, peace, and security issues.

The COVID 19 pandemic has once again shown the importance of multilateralism. When economies are disrupted, when borders are closed, everyone loses. Some may lose more than others, but the net impact for our planet is most certainly negative.

The devastating potential – and reality – of climate change knows no boundaries either.

Poverty, hunger, insecurity, and instability cause impacts and externalities that hardly conform to lines of countries borders.

In this context, Cabo Verde welcomes the adopted Declaration which symbolizes the criticality of this moment, reaffirms the commitment to multilateralism, and offers a vision for the future and the role of the United Nations.

The COVID 19 crisis we are all experiencing should not confine the ambition of sustainable development to Agenda 2030. However, it imposes a strong additional challenge: overcoming the pandemic without leaving any country behind... and relaunching the world economy without relinquishing our shared responsibility for the health of developing nations. Once again, this is the moment when the instrument of multilateral,

intergovernmental action – and the context of truly global gains – are essential to converged solutions and good decision making.

Cabo Verde is a Member State that attaches multilateralism the greatest relevance not only as a principle, but also as a networked space for engagements. We fully participate and engage in the concert of Nations. Our commitment has been constant, consistent and coherent. And so it will continue to be.

May the work of the United Nations advance to new heights and the cause of multilateralism shine brightly.

Thank you.