IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE

Your Excellency Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

Your Excellency Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Mr. President,

I extend to Your Excellency congratulations on your assumption of the presidency of the current session of the United Nations General Assembly, and would like to assure you that we look forward to work and cooperate with you, and wish you all the success.

I also would like to avail myself of this opportunity to express our thanks for the efforts exerted by your predecessor, His Excellency Mr. Tijjani Mohammad-Bande during his presidency of the previous session.

In the midst of the pandemic, to which the entire world is subjected to, and despite the difficulties in direct communication, our faith in the importance of the role the United Nations plays has increased, and also in the collaborative efforts of all Member States of the Organization, in order to foster cooperation and multilateralism. Such close cooperation that we have witnessed during the COVID-19 Pandemic, is only the fruit of the efforts the Organization undertook during the past 75 years, and is a clear interpretation of the depth of the collective work in this inveterate Organization.

From this place, I would like to extend our most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims of this pandemic, and to wish the sick and the infected a speedy recovery.
Ladies & Gentlemen,

This occasion comes to renew the commitment in the foundations of international legitimacy, acting as a safety value in the face of disputes, and as a hope for many peoples for a better world. This Organization came into being after a world war that claimed millions of lives, and has contributed to saving future generations from the scourge of wars, it also contributed in reinforcing the right to self-determination to lots of people, ending colonization in many parts of the world, as well as defusing crises and wars during the cold war and beyond. The basic principles laid out in the Charter of the United Nations, constitute the corner stone of our multilateral work, and are the basis for reinforcing international relations.

The State of Kuwait recalls, with much gratitude and appreciation the historic and firm position of the United Nations, with its various bodies and agencies, in supporting the State of Kuwait regain its freedom and sovereignty in 1991, as a result of the brutal Iraqi invasion. This position, which is undoubtedly considered one of the most outstanding experiences of this inveterate Organization, in safeguarding international peace and security, through crystal clear positions, and decisive resolutions. This should motivate us with more persistence, to continue the role of the State of Kuwait in backing the efforts of the United Nations aiming to assist Member States overcome challenges and missteps.

There is no doubt, that our reaffirming the need to adhere to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, emanate from our conviction, that we seek from promoting joint international action, and the commitment to implementing the resolutions and outputs of this Organization and all its concerned bodies, is regarded a basis for the preservation of the stature, importance and efficacy of the United Nations in safeguarding international peace and security, and spare the world many wars, catastrophes and political crises, as well as strengthening peaceful solutions to settle disputes. Here we would like to recall what was stipulated in paragraph three of Article 2 of the Charter; “All members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered”. Therefore, we are called upon, with the passage of 75 years to continue to assess our actions, and reflect on our experiences to guarantee our adherence to the purposes and principles of the Charter, which have laid strong foundations and a solid base to support cooperation and partnership, and reject violence and division.
Ladies & Gentlemen,

Notwithstanding the numerous achievements we realized together, the world still ails from many crises and conflicts, with some of our Arab countries are in particular, in the heart of the world regions suffering from conflicts, and political and security crises that have exceeded a decade, and left a negative impact, not only on the Arab region and its peoples, but on the entire world. The Arab region have suffered from continuous and persistent crises, foremost among which is the Palestinian Question that remains as a bleeding would in the side of the Arab nation. Add to this the wars in Yemen, Libya and Syria, all of which impacted negatively on the situation in the region. Here we would like to emphasize once again, the importance of the initiative launched by the Secretary General last March calling for a worldwide ceasefire during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Also, we cannot ignore the negative impact of the pandemic on the health and economic systems in our Arab countries, which exhausted the resources and the peoples of the region. We hope all countries would cooperate with the United Nations in eliminating the virus, and address its consequence effectively. This can happen only through joint solidarity and cooperation among the Member States, as well as by the contributions and effective roles of the private sector and civil societies, not only in facing up to the pandemic, but also by fruitful cooperation with the United Nations, and all its bodies to execute the goals of the 2030 Sustainable Development Plan. We must also not forget the role of the staff and employees of the Organization, and their efforts during the pandemic, as well as their keenness to continue working and performing their duties in these exceptional circumstances that the Organization, and the whole world are going through.
In conclusion,

The three pillars of the United Nations; peace and security, sustainable development, and human rights, remain as important as ever. We have gone a long way over 75 years, yet there is much more to be done. The commitment to the 2030 Sustainable Development Plan is regarded an important issue within the United Nations system. We also need to learn, and to exchange experiences and information, to make the systems in the world more flexible and coordinated, in order to confront future crises, and enhance the global system to prevent global conflicts and respond to them. There is also an urgent need to enhance the role of women and girls, and also that of the children and the youth, since they represent the promising and bright future.

Thank you