

he 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly is being held this year in a particular context marked by the Covid-19 pandemic. This is the first General Assembly where Heads of State and Government will not travel to New York.

Thus, this session will be marked by three important events namely; the high-level meeting to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the creation of the United Nations, the traditional general debate which will see a record participation of Heads of State and Government, from 22 to 29 September and the Biodiversity Summit, scheduled for 30 September 2020.

A High-Level Meeting is also scheduled at the Security Council, on September 24, under the Presidency of the Head of State of Niger, H.E Mahamadoulssoufou, on the theme "*post-Covid-19 global governance in relation to the maintenance of international peace and security*".

This session will be an opportunity for Morocco to reaffirm its faith in multilateralism, to renew its confidence in the universal organization and to plead for more international solidarity and cooperation in the fight against the pandemic.

The Kingdom's commitment to multilateralism has been a constant in its foreign policy during the reigns of the late His Majesty King Mohammed V and the late His Majesty King Hassan II.

Likewise and since His accession to the Throne, His Majesty Mohammed VI has set out an ambitious Multilateral Vision for Morocco centered around the principles of solidarity and cooperation as vectors of Moroccan multilateral diplomatic action with particular attention to Africa.

This session will also be an opportunity for Morocco to reaffirm its commitment to defend the causes and interests of Africa within the UN body. Regarding the current health crisis, Morocco once again reiterated its determination and willingness to support African States in the different phases of pandemic management, in accordance with the Initiative launched by His Majesty the King, aiming to create an operational framework for working with African countries in the fight against the pandemic.

Regarding peacekeeping operations and mediation, Morocco, as the 12th Provider Country for United Nations peacekeepers, will present its achievements in sixty years of participation in United Nations peacekeeping, including of all of its

contingents in the field despite the pandemic. The promotion of inter-Libyan dialogue within the framework of the Bouznika talks will also be highlighted within the framework of the mediation activities carried out by the Kingdom.

As for the promotion of intercultural and interreligious dialogue and the fight against hate-speech, Morocco, as a country promoting dialogue between religions and cultures, will endeavor to promote the need to fight further against hate-speech. The adoption by consensus by the General Assembly of the first resolution on the fight against hate speech at the initiative of the Kingdom, in July 2019 envisages the organization of a High Level Conference on the role of religious leaders for meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, during the High Level Meeting to commemorate the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, scheduled for October 2, 2020, Morocco will renew its firm commitment to non-proliferation and disarmament efforts, its respect scrupulous about its international commitments through the transparent and fair application of the instruments to which it has subscribed, its choice of multilateralism and the UN benchmark, as the appropriate framework for the development of new instruments and international strategies in non-proliferation and disarmament.