

READOUT ON THE BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN THE PGA AND H.E. ABDOU ABARRY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGER AND PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020

The President of the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, on 9 September 2020, held a virtual meeting with H.E. Abdou Abarry, Permanent Representative of Niger to the United Nations and President of the Security Council for the month of September 2020.

H.E. Abarry briefed the PGA on the main activities to be embarked on during the Nigerien presidency of the Council including four (4) signature Open VTC events on "Cooperation between the UN and regional and sub-regional organizations: the role of the International organization of La Francophonie"; "Children and armed conflict: Attacks against schools as grave violation of children's rights"; "Maintenance of international peace and security: Humanitarian effects of environmental degradation and peace and security", to be held at the Ministerial level and "Maintenance of international peace and security: Global governance post Covid-19", to be held at the Summit level and chaired by the President of Niger, H.E. Mahamadou Issoufou.

Other issues to be discussed during the Nigerien presidency of the Council include the Middle East, Syria, Yemen, Myanmar, assistance and verification missions, etc.

The President of the General Assembly congratulated Ambassador Abarry on his assumption of the presidency of the Security Council forty years after Niger's last membership of the Council. Noting that the issues to be deliberated upon during Ambassador Abarry's presidency are of urgent importance to the world with particular relevance to the West African sub-region and the Sahel, the PGA congratulated H.E. Abarry for focusing on them and for his hard work.

The President of the General Assembly briefed the President of the Security Council on the outstanding items before the Assembly – omnibus resolution on Covid-19, High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace, the Secretary-General's presentation of his report on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace in a meeting to be co-chaired by both Presidents, etc., as the 74th Session draws to a close, adding that he is working hard to ensure a smooth transition to the 75th Session.

H.E. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande thanked H.E. Abarry for his virtual visit and looked forward to working with Niger throughout the rest of the 74th Session of the General Assembly.