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The MPs of the Modem warn that they will certainly vote against the pension reform if the text means an amendment to the Social Security budget. This was announced by the leader of the party Jean-Paul Mattei. He thus aligns himself with the position of the president of the modem François Bayrou. Tomorrow, Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne will receive the presidents of parliamentary groups to discuss the texts.

250 million euros have been added to the cycling plan for next year, as announced by Matignon. This budget will accelerate the transition to this mode of transport: 200 million euros will be dedicated to infrastructure and 50 million for parking. This plan also includes training provided in primary schools. The objective is for bicycles to represent 9% of trips made by the French by 2024.

Julien Bayou is accused of gender-based violence. The national secretary of *Europe Ecologie Les Verts* is targeted by accusations of inappropriate behavior made by Sandrine Rousseau. The internal committee of the party specializing in these issues has been seized.

The General Assembly of the United Nations opens today in New York with more than 150 heads of state, including Emmanuel Macron who will speak at the podium. The invasion of Ukraine will obviously be at the heart of this diplomatic week, with an intervention tomorrow by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

And the pro-Russian separatists of Donbass announce the organization of annexation referendums. They will take place from September 23 to the 27 in eastern Ukraine. The integration of the provinces of Donetsk and Luhansk into Russia would represent a major escalation in the conflict. In reaction to this announcement, Ukrainian authorities promise to "liquidate" the Russian "threat".