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NATO Parliamentary Assembly

STATUS OF NON-MEMBER PARLIAMENTS

1. This document summarises the rights granted to non-member delegations and provides an up-to-date listing of nations and organisations that have formal status with the Assembly. Table 1 summarizes the rights accorded to each form of status. Table 2 shows all delegations with a formal status within the Assembly along with the number of delegates on each delegation.

Status of non-member parliaments

a) **Associate members**, 13 parliaments - Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Finland, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine.

Invited to Assembly sessions, Rose-Roth seminars, the New Parliamentarians Programme, the Parliamentary Transatlantic Forum, and Parliamentary Staff Training programmes, and most committee and sub-committee activities. Allowed to speak in committee and plenary discussions, present texts and amendments, but not to vote. Can be elected as associate rapporteurs and, therefore, can present reports.

b) **Mediterranean Associate members**, five parliaments – Algeria, Israel, Jordan, Mauritania (whose status is under review), Morocco

Invited to Assembly sessions, Rose-Roth seminars, the New Parliamentarians Programme, the Parliamentary Transatlantic Forum and Parliamentary Staff Training programmes. Allowed to speak in committee and plenary discussions, present texts and amendments, but not to vote. Can be elected as Mediterranean associate rapporteurs and, therefore, can present reports.

c) **The European Parliament**

Invited to Assembly sessions, Rose-Roth seminars, Mediterranean Special Group seminars, and committee and sub-committee activities. Allowed to speak in committee and plenary discussions. Can present texts but not amendments. At the invitation of committees, can present reports. No right to vote.

The delegation can consist of up to ten members of the European Parliament.

d) **Parliamentary observers**, 8 parliaments - Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Japan, Kazakhstan, Serbia and Montenegro, the Palestinian Legislative Council, Tunisia.

Invited to Assembly sessions and allowed to speak in committee and plenary discussions at the discretion of committee chairmen and the President respectively. Delegations can consist of up to three parliamentarians.

Invited when deemed relevant to Mediterranean Special Group and Rose-Roth seminars.

¹ Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.

- e) **Inter-parliamentary assemblies**, Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE, Assembly of the Western European Union, and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE).

Invited to Assembly sessions and allowed to speak in committee and plenary discussions at the discretion of committee chairmen and the President respectively. Delegations can consist of up to three parliamentarians.

Invited to Mediterranean Special Group and Rose-Roth seminars.

f) **Parliamentary guests**

Invited on an *ad-hoc* basis to Assembly sessions, Rose-Roth seminars and Mediterranean Special Group seminars and the New Parliamentarians Programme.

Do not contribute to discussions at Assembly sessions but may contribute at Rose-Roth and Mediterranean Special Group seminars.

Certain examples of countries and interparliamentary bodies that have attended under this status²:

Sessions:

- *Croatia, Cyprus, Serbia and Montenegro, Finland, Malta, Sweden, Switzerland, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

Rose-Roth seminars:

- *Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Croatia, the Kosovo Assembly, Serbia and Montenegro, Finland, Georgia, Malta, Sweden and Switzerland*

Mediterranean Special Group seminars:

- *Cyprus, Jordan, Malta, Mauritania*
- *Palestinian Legislative Council*

² Many of these nations were subsequently granted the status of Associate member, Mediterranean Associate member or Parliamentary Observer

TABLE 1 - SUMMARY OF RIGHTS ACCORDING TO STATUS

	<i>Associate Members</i>	<i>European Parliament</i>	<i>Mediterranean Associate Members</i>	<i>Parliamentary Observers</i>	<i>Ad Hoc Parliamentary Observers</i>
Sessions	Invited to all	Invited to all	Invited to all	Invited to all	Invited when deemed relevant
Number in delegation	3-10*	10	3-5*	3	3
	Full speaking rights	Full speaking rights	Full speaking rights	At the discretion of the Committee Chairman and President	At the discretion of the Committee Chairman and President
Presentation of reports	Yes	At the initiative of the Committees	Yes	No	No
Presentation of texts**	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Presentation of amendments	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Vote	No	No	No	No	No
Rose-Roth Seminars	Invited to all	Invited to all	Invited to all	Invited when deemed relevant	Invited when deemed relevant
Committee and Sub-Committee meetings	Yes, except those excluded by the Standing Committee	Yes, except those excluded by the Standing Committee	No	No	No
Standing Committee Meetings	Invited as observers after signature of accession protocols	No	No	No	No
New Parliamentarians Programme	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only Serbia & Montenegro and Bosnia & Herzegovina	No
Parliamentary Transatlantic Forum	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only Serbia & Montenegro and Bosnia & Herzegovina	No
Mediterranean Special Group Seminars	Only Russia	Yes	Yes	Only those in the region	Nations in NATO's Med Dialogue plus others if deemed relevant
Mediterranean Special Group Visit	No	No	No	No	No
Parliamentary Staff Training	Yes	No	Yes	Only Serbia & Montenegro and Bosnia & Herzegovina	No

* The number is related to population

** The term "Texts" is used in the Assembly's Rules of Procedure for Declarations, Resolutions, Recommendations, Orders, and Opinions

TABLE 2 - CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Member Delegations³		Associate Delegations^{4,5}	
	Number		Number
United States	36	Russia ⁶	10
France	18	Ukraine ⁷	6
Germany	18	Austria	5
Italy	18	Azerbaijan	5
United Kingdom	18	Sweden	5
Canada	12	Switzerland	5
Poland	12	Finland	4
Spain	12	Georgia	4
Turkey	12	Albania	3
Romania	10	Armenia	3
Belgium	7	Croatia	3
Czech Republic	7	Moldova	3
Greece	7	the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*	3
Hungary	7	TOTAL	59
Netherlands	7		
Portugal	7	Mediterranean Associate Delegations	
Bulgaria	6	Algeria**	5
Denmark	5	Israel	4
Norway	5	Jordan	4
Slovakia	5	Mauritania***	3
Lithuania	4	Morocco **	5
Estonia	3		
Iceland	3	European Parliament	
Latvia	3		10
Luxembourg	3		
Slovenia	3	Parliamentary Observers	
TOTAL	248	Australia	3
		Bosnia and Herzegovina	3
		Egypt	3
		Japan	3
		Kazakhstan	3
		Palestinian Legislative Council	3
		Serbia and Montenegro	3
		Tunisia	3
		Other Delegations	
		Inter-parliamentary Assemblies:	
		OSCE PA	3
		WEU Assembly	3
		PACE	3

Delegations who have participated in the Mediterranean Special Group Seminars:
Cyprus, Malta

* Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name

** The number of seats for Algeria and Morocco is under review

*** Mauritania's status is under review

³ Delegations are selected by national parliaments according to respective national practices and represent the political composition of their parliaments.

⁴ Associates can participate in most Assembly activities but do not vote nor contribute to the budget.

⁵ Belarus is currently suspended.

⁶ The Assembly also has a distinctive relationship with the Russian Federal Assembly. The NATO-Russia Parliamentary Committee meets twice per year as a body of 27 equal members. Russia is also invited to participate in the Assembly's Mediterranean Seminars.

⁷ In addition, the Assembly has a distinctive relationship with Ukraine. The Ukraine-NATO Interparliamentary Committee meets twice per year with approximately equal numbers of participants from the Assembly's members and from the Ukrainian parliament.