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Co-operation between the Council of Europe and Israel

<p>Relations with the Parliamentary Assembly</p>	<p>The Knesset has enjoyed observer status with since 2 December 1957.</p> <p>Representatives of the Knesset regularly attend plenary sessions of the Assembly and participate in its Committees. More particularly, they participate in the Middle-East Sub-Committee of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy, where questions of relevance to the conflict in the Middle-East are debated.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee on the Middle East visited Israel on 28-30 November 2014.</p>
<p>Relations with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities</p>	<p>The Union of Local Authorities in Israel was granted observer status with the Congress in 1994.</p>
<p>Participation in the CoE/EU Joint Programme “Strengthening Democratic Reform in the Southern Neighbourhood” (South Programme)</p>	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organisation of a first seminar on CoE conventions for representatives of the Foreign Ministry and other relevant Ministries, July 2014. - A second seminar is foreseen on 4-5 July 2017. - Participation in multilateral activities.
<p>Representation to the Council of Europe</p>	<p>Ambassador Carmel Shama-Hacohen was appointed Ambassador of Israel to the Council of Europe on 3 September 2014. He is also Israel’s Permanent Representative to the OECD and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, Paris. Mr Joseph Moustaki is the Deputy Chief of Mission. Mr Gilbert Roos, Honorary Consul and Secretary of the Israeli Delegation to PACE, Strasbourg</p>
<p>Recent political visits</p>	<p>The Secretary General met with Knesset Speaker Edelstein in Strasbourg on 15 September 2016.</p> <p>The Deputy Secretary General paid an official visit to Israel on 7-9 July 2014, where she met with Deputy MFA Hanegi and senior MFA officials. Meetings were also organised at Yad Vashem and at the Municipality of Haifa in the context of the latter’s joining the Intercultural Cities’ network.</p> <p>The Secretary General paid an official visit to Israel on 28-30 May 2012, where met with President Peres, Knesset Speaker Rivlin, Supreme Court President Grunis, Minister of Foreign Affairs Liberman and Head of National Security Council Amidror. On this occasion, he also paid a visit to Yad Vashem.</p>

Voluntary Contributions

2007	MONEYVAL	61 500
2009	MONEYVAL	61 000
2012	MONEYVAL	17 500
2013	MONEYVAL	36 630
2014	Support to Independency and Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)	5 000
2015	MONEYVAL	59 920
2015	Intercultural Cities (Haifa)	7 985
2016	Support to Independency and Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)	5 000
2016	Intercultural Cities (Haifa)	4 985
2016	MONEYVAL	29 960
TOTAL		298 480 €

Participation in Partial Agreements

Name	Status
Convention on the elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia	Observer

Participation in Enlarged Partial Agreements

Name	Status
Co-operation Group to Combat Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Drugs (Pompidou Group)	Member
Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)	Member

Participation in Enlarged Agreements

Name	Status
European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)	Member

Participation in Conventions

It should be noted that 3 of the Conventions to which Israel is a party are on the list of Conventions in the area of good governance and the rule of law indicated in SG/Inf(2011)7 rev 2 [Council of Europe Neighbourhood Policy]		
N°	Title	Entry into force for Israel
Signed and ratified		
015	European Convention on the Equivalence of Diplomas leading to Admission to Universities	7/10/1971
016	European Convention relating to the Formalities required for Patent Applications	1/5/1966
020	Agreement on the Exchange of War Cripples between Member Countries of the Council of Europe with a view to Medical Treatment	1/2/1979
024	European Convention on Extradition	26/12/1967
027	European Agreement concerning Programme Exchanges by means of Television Films	15/2/1978
030	European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters	26/12/1967
112	Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons	1/1/1998
165	Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region	1/9/2007
182	Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters	1/7/2006
185	Convention on Cybercrime	1/9/2016
Signed but not ratified		
208	Protocol amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters	24/11/2015
211	Council of Europe Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health	28/10/2011
Denounced		
017	European Convention on the International Classification of Patents for Inventions	12/9/1975
Right to accede (to protocols, on the basis of being a contracting party to the relevant convention)		
049	Protocol to the European Convention on the Equivalence of Diplomas leading to Admission to Universities	
086	Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition	
098	Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition	
099	Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters	
167	Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons	
209	Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition	
212	Fourth Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition	

	Right to sign (<i>on the basis of being an OECD member State</i>)	
127	Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters	
	Invitation to accede	
189	Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime concerning the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed through computer systems	

Participation in Steering Committees and *ad hoc* Committees

Type	Acronym	Committee name	Status
Subordinate body	DH-BIO	Committee on Bioethics	Observer
Subordinate body	PC-OC	Committee of Experts on the Operation of European Conventions on Co-operation in Criminal Matters	Observer
Ad hoc committee	CAHDI	Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law	Observer
Ad hoc committee	CAHDATA	Ad hoc committee on data protection	Observer
Steering committee	CDPPE	Steering Committee for Educational Policy and Practice	Observer
Steering committee	CDCPP	Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape	Observer
Subordinate body	CPP-CINE	Committee of experts for the revision of European Convention on Cinematographic Co-production	Observer
Steering committee	CD-P-PH	European Committee of Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Care (Partial Agreement)	Participant
Steering committee	CD-P-SC	Consumer Health Protection Committee (Partial Agreement)	Participant
Steering committee	CD-P-TO	European Committee on Organ Transplantation (Partial Agreement)	Participant
Steering committee	CD-P-TS	European Committee on Blood Transfusion (Partial Agreement)	Participant
Ad hoc committee	PECS	European Social Cohesion Platform	Observer

Participation in Committees established by a Committee of Ministers Resolution

Acronym	Committee Name	Status
CEPEJ	European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice	Israel was granted the status of observer state with the CEPEJ by the CM according to Resolution Res(2005)47.
MONEYVAL	Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism	Member

Participation in Committees established by a Convention

Acronym	Committee Name	Status
	Committee of the Council of Europe/UNESCO Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region	Member (having ratified)
	European Network of National Information Centres on academic mobility and recognition (the ENIC Network)	Member
	Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health	Signatory of the Convention (pending ratification)
T-CY	Convention Committee on Cybercrime	Observer

Other activities

Intercultural Cities Programme	Haifa joined the network of intercultural cities in February 2014. The DSG visited Haifa during her official visit to Israel in July 2014.
Co-operation with Yad Vashem	A co-operation agreement between the CoE and Yad Vashem was signed during the SG's official visit to Israel in May 2012.