

DER/INF(2021)3

12 May 2021

**Institutionalised Bilateral Relations of Non-Member States with the  
Council of Europe's  
Committee of Ministers, Parliamentary Assembly and Congress of  
Local and Regional Authorities:**

**OVERVIEW**

**I. Observer status with the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers and Parliamentary Assembly**

	<a href="#">Observer status with the Council of Europe</a> (Committee of Ministers)	<a href="#">Observer status with the Parliamentary Assembly granted to national parliaments</a> (see Rule 63 – Observers)
<b>Canada</b>	<a href="#">Granted on 03/04/1996</a>	<a href="#">Granted on 28/05/1997</a>
<b>Holy See</b>	Granted on 07/03/1970	
<b>Japan</b>	<a href="#">Granted on 20/11/1996</a>	
<b>Mexico</b>	<a href="#">Granted on 01/12/1999</a>	<a href="#">Granted on 04/11/1999</a>
<b>United States of America</b>	<a href="#">Granted on 7/12/1995;</a> <a href="#">Entered into force on 15/01/1996</a>	
<b>Israel</b>		Granted to the Knesset in 1957

II. Other Institutionalised Bilateral Relations at national level with the Council of Europe' Committee of Ministers, Parliamentary Assembly and Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

	Bilateral Cooperation Document with the Council of Europe	Status with the Parliamentary Assembly (as set out in <a href="#">PACE Resolution 1680 (2009)</a> )	Status with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (as set out in <a href="#">Resolution 376 (2014)</a> )
<b>NORTH AFRICA</b>			
<b>Morocco</b>	<a href="#">Neighbourhood Partnership 2018-2021</a>	Parliament granted <b>Partner for Democracy</b> status in 2011	<b>Partner for Local Democracy</b> status granted in 2019
<b>Tunisia</b>	<a href="#">Neighbourhood Partnership 2018-2021</a>		<b>Partner for Local Democracy</b> status granted in 2019
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>			
<b>The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</b>		Parliament granted <b>Partner for Democracy</b> status in 2016	
<b>Palestine*</b>		Palestinian National Council (PNC) granted <b>Partner for Democracy</b> status in 2011	
<b>Israel</b>		<b>Observer</b> status granted to the Knesset in 1957	
<b>CENTRAL ASIA</b>			
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	<a href="#">Neighbourhood Cooperation Priorities for Kazakhstan for the period 2019-2022</a>	2004 <b>Agreement on cooperation</b> between PACE and the Parliament of Kazakhstan	
<b>Kyrgyz Republic</b>		Parliament granted <b>Partner for Democracy</b> status in 2014	

\* This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of Council of Europe member states on this issue.