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

## **OVERVIEW**

### **1. Observer status (State/national parliament)**

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

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

|                                        | <b>Formalised Bilateral Co-operation Document with the Committee of Ministers</b> | <b>Status/Agreement with the Parliamentary Assembly</b>                         | <b>Partner for Local Democracy Status with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities</b> |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NORTH AFRICA</b>                    |                                                                                   |                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| <b>Morocco</b>                         | Neighbourhood Partnership 2022-2025                                               | Parliament granted Partner for Democracy status in 2011                         | Partner for Local Democracy status granted in 2019                                            |
| <b>Tunisia</b>                         | Neighbourhood Partnership 2022-2025                                               | -                                                                               | Partner for Local Democracy status granted in 2019                                            |
| <b>MIDDLE EAST</b>                     |                                                                                   |                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| <b>The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</b> | -                                                                                 | Parliament granted Partner for Democracy status in 2016                         | -                                                                                             |
| <b>Palestine<sup>*1</sup></b>          | -                                                                                 | Palestinian National Council (PNC) granted Partner for Democracy status in 2011 | -                                                                                             |
| <b>Israel</b>                          | -                                                                                 | Observer status granted to the Knesset in 1957                                  | -                                                                                             |
| <b>CENTRAL ASIA</b>                    |                                                                                   |                                                                                 |                                                                                               |
| <b>Kazakhstan</b>                      | Neighbourhood Co-operation Priorities for Kazakhstan for the period 2024-2027     | 2004 Agreement on co-operation between PACE and the Parliament of Kazakhstan    | -                                                                                             |
| <b>Kyrgyz Republic</b>                 | [Neighbourhood Co-operation Priorities 2024-2027 under discussion]                | Parliament granted Partner for Democracy status in 2014                         | Guest observer status granted to the Union of Local Self-Government Bodies (2023)             |

*\*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.*