



Subcommittee on Review of Parliament's  
involvement with associations and  
recognized Interparliamentary groups

Sous-comité de l'Examen de la  
participation du Parlement aux activités  
des associations et des groupes  
interparlementaires reconnus

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## Minutes

**Meeting No. 6**

**November 4, 2022**

The Subcommittee on the Review of Parliament's involvement with Associations and Recognized Interparliamentary Groups of the Joint Interparliamentary Council met this day in camera at 2:05 p.m., in a hybrid format, Lianne Rood, M.P., presiding.

Representing the Senate: Hon. Percy Downe and Hon. Raymonde Saint-Germain.

Representing the House of Commons: Francis Drouin for Ruby Sahota, Marilène Gill, Lindsay Mathysen, Lianne Rood and Ruby Sahota.

### Others present:

From Interparliamentary Groups:  
Hon Peter Boehm, Senator, Chair of the Canada-Germany Interparliamentary Group;  
Angelo Iacono, M.P., Chair of the Canada-Italy Interparliamentary Group;  
James Maloney, M.P., Chair of the Canada-Ireland Interparliamentary Group.

From groups seeking recognition by the Council:  
Yvan Baker, M.P., seeking recognition for a Canada-Ukraine parliamentary association;  
Hon. Yonah Martin, Senator, seeking recognition for a Canada-Korea parliamentary association;  
Soraya Martinez Ferrada, M.P., seeking recognition for a Canada-Chile interparliamentary group;  
Brad Vis, M.P., seeking recognition for a Canada-Netherlands interparliamentary group;  
Hon. Yuen Pau Woo, Senator, seeking recognition for a Canada-ASEAN parliamentary association.

From the International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate:  
Jeremy LeBlanc, Clerk Assistant and Director General;  
Marie-Ève Belzile, Principal Clerk, Parliamentary Exchanges and Protocol;

Julie Geoffrion, Deputy Principal Clerk, Parliamentary Associations, Conferences and Logistics;  
Andrew Lauzon, Acting Deputy Principal Clerk, Parliamentary Associations.

From the Library of Parliament:  
Heather Lank, Parliamentary Librarian;  
Marcus Pistor, Director General, Parliamentary Information, Education and Research Services  
Laura Barnett, Senior Manager, Human Rights, Immigration and Citizenship;  
Nicole Sweeney, Senior Manager, International Affairs;  
Jean-Philippe Duguay, Analyst, Human Rights, Immigration and Citizenship

### **1. Adoption of minutes:**

It was agreed, – That the minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2022, be adopted.

### **2. Roundtable discussion:**

The Subcommittee met with representatives of the interparliamentary groups to discuss the appropriateness of the current mandates and structures of parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups, and ways of increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of activities.

### **3. Meeting with representatives of groups seeking to be recognized by the Council:**

Pursuant to the order of the Council of May 20, 2022, the Subcommittee met with Yvan Baker, Hon. Yonah Martin, Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Brad Vis and Hon. Yuen Pau Woo to consider requests for the creation of new parliamentary associations and interparliamentary groups.

### **4. Meeting with representatives of the International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate and the Library of Parliament:**

The Subcommittee met with Jeremy LeBlanc, Heather Lank and Marcus Pistor to discuss the support provided to parliamentary associations by the International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate and the Library of Parliament.

### **5. Subcommittee business:**

It was agreed, – That the analysts prepare a summary of evidence for the Subcommittee's consideration at the next meeting.

At 3:50 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Co-Chairs.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk