



Agreement on co-operation between the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan

1. The aim of this Agreement is to establish a political dialogue between the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe with a view to promoting in the country the principles of parliamentary democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights as well as fundamental freedoms.
2. The Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan commits itself to act for and encourage the competent authorities to introduce a moratorium on executions and abolish the death penalty.
3. The Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan should encourage the competent authorities to make use of the possibilities to sign and ratify the relevant Council of Europe Conventions which are open to non-member states, as well as the expertise offered by the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).
4. The Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan will report every year to the Bureau of the Parliamentary Assembly on the progress achieved in the promotion of the principles stated in paragraph 1 as well as on the issue of the death penalty.
5. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe agrees to invite a delegation or representatives of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the plenary sittings of the Assembly and meetings of the Standing Committee whenever a subject of particular relevance to the parliament comes up for discussion.
6. The Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan agrees that its delegations to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe reflect the various currents of political opinion within the Parliament.
7. Representatives of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan may also be invited to Assembly activities (conferences, hearings, colloquies and other events organised by the Assembly or its committees) relating to the functioning of democratic institutions as well as to the role of parliaments in promoting respect for human rights and the rule of law.

8. The Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly and of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan may meet when necessary and issue joint statements on matters of common interest. The President of the Parliamentary Assembly may also invite the presidents of parliaments having signed a co-operation agreement to attend joint meetings organised by him.

9. The Secretaries General of the Parliamentary Assembly and of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan may co-operate on matters of common interest, in particular through the exchange of information and documents, traineeships and the organisation of seminars.

This Co-operation Agreement enters into force on the day of signature. It may be suspended or annulled by one of the parties. It remains in force for one month after reception of the notification of denunciation.

Done at Strasbourg, on 27 April 2004, in English, French and Kazakh, the English and French texts being equally authentic.

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