



Joint Interparliamentary Council

Conseil interparlementaire mixte

Minutes

Meeting No. 202

April 15, 2024

The Joint Interparliamentary Council met in camera this day at 9:02 a.m., in a hybrid format, the Hon. Raymonde Saint-Germain, Senator, and Chris d'Entremont, M.P., presiding

Representing the Senate: Hon. Pierre J. Dalphond, Hon. Percy E. Downe and Hon. Raymonde Saint-Germain.

Representing the House of Commons: Chris d'Entremont, Francis Drouin, Hon. Mona Fortier, Marilène Gill, Heather McPherson, Hon. David McGuinty, Lianne Rood, Marc Serré, Marie-France Lalonde for Hon. David McGuinty

In attendance:

From the International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate:
Cynara Corbin, Deputy Principal Clerk, Parliamentary Associations;
Julie Geoffrion, Deputy Principal Clerk, Parliamentary Associations, Conferences and Logistics;
Caroline Belley, Manager, Resource Planning and Administration.

From the Senate
Stéphanie Giroux, Financial Advisor, Finance and Procurement Directorate.

From the House of Commons:
Samuel Maheu, Financial Management Advisor, Financial Planning.

From the Library of Parliament:
Frédéric Forge, Acting Senior Director, Economics, Resources and International Affairs Division;
Laura Barnett, Senior Manager, Human Rights, Immigration and Citizenship;
Nicole Sweeney, Senior Manager, International Affairs.

1. Approval of Minutes

It was agreed, – That the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2024, be adopted.

2. Update on the global envelope utilisation for 2023-2024 fiscal year

The Clerk provided an update on the financial situation for the 2023-2024 fiscal year including the utilisation rate of the global envelope.

3. Association budget allocations for the 2024-2025 fiscal year

The Council studied the association budget requests for fiscal year 2024-2025.

It was agreed, – That the initial budget allocations for fiscal year 2024-2025 be as follows:

Associations	Allocated Amounts (\$)
Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association (CAAF)	178,000
Canada-China Legislative Association (CACN)	146,000
Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group (CAJP)	176,000
Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association (CAEU)	318,000
Canada-France Inter-Parliamentary Association (CAFR)	137,000
Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association (RUUK)	95,000
Canadian Delegation to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (SECO)	241,000
Canadian Section of ParlAmericas (CPAM)	178,000
Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group (CEUS)	298,000
Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (CAPF)	126,000
Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association (CANA)	223,000
Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CCOM)	163,000

Canadian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (UIPU)	233,000
Total	2,512,000

4. International contributions paid by parliamentary associations

The Council discussed the matter of rising cost of international contributions paid by parliamentary associations.

It was agreed, – That the Co-chairs write to the Chairs and Co-Chairs of multilateral associations encouraging them their associations to put pressure on the international governing bodies of the association to engage in discussions on reforms to the scale of contributions to ensure fairness of payment for all member countries.

5. Decisions made by the Co-chairs

The Co-Chairs informed the Council that they had considered and denied a request from the Canadian Delegation to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA) for supplementary funds in order to send a delegate on a OSCE PA Ad Hoc Committee on Migration field visit to Lampedusa, Italy, as the Co-Chairs were not prepared to allocate supplementary funds to new activities.

6. Other business

It was agreed, – That staff prepare a briefing note on the historical cost of association membership for consideration at the next meeting.

The Council discussed the matter of attendance while travelling with parliamentary association delegations.

It was agreed, -That the accompanying staff travelling with parliamentary association delegations take attendance for all program elements, including official hospitality activities, and that a copy of the attendance report be sent to the party whips, group facilitators and liaisons.

At 9:58 a.m., the Council adjourned to the call of the Co-Chairs.

Jeremy LeBlanc
Clerk