

ANNEX I.

THE POWERS, PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES OF PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT OF DEFENCE IN THE NATO MEMBER STATES¹⁸

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PART A: Committee Structure and Organisation

	1a. Original Name	1b. English Name	2. Number Members	3. Annual Budget	4. Assisting Staff	5. Regulation Source
BEL	Commissie Voor de Landsverdediging/ Commission de la Defence Nationale		17	!	1	RoP and custom
CAN	Attending Committee on National Defence and Veteran Affairs		16	!	3	RoP and custom
CZR	Vybor Pro Obrano A Bezpecnost	Committee on Defence and Security	19	!	4	RoP
DEN	Forsvarsudvalget and Det Udenrigspolitiske Naevn	Defence and Foreign Policy Committee	17	€ 33.333	3	Const, Law, RoP and customs
FRA	Commission de la Défense National et des Forces Armées	Committee for National Defence and Armed Forces	72	€ 130.000	11	Const, Law, RoP and customs
GER	Verteidigungsausschuss	Defence Committee	38		8	Const, RoP and custom
GRE	Aiapkhs Emitpomh eonikhs amynas	Standing Committee for National	50		1	RoP

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	kai eeotepikon ymooeseon	Defence and Foreign Affairs				
HUN	Nemzetbiztonsági Bizottság	National Security Committee	15	€ 4000	2	Law and RoP
ICE	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITA	Commissione Difesa della Camera dei Diputati	Defence Committee (Chamber of Deputies)	43!	!	4!	Const, RoP and custom!
LUX	Commission des Affaires Etrangères et Européennes et de la Défense	Committee for Foreign and European Affairs and for Defence	11		2	RoP
NET	Vaste Kamercommissie Voor Defensie	Standing Committee for Defence	30!	Approx. € 25.000	5	RoP
NOR	Stortinsets Forsvarskomite	Standing Committee on Defence	10		1	Const, RoP
POL	Komisja Obrony Narodowej	National Defence Committee	18		3	Const, law, RoP and custom
POR	Comissao de Defensa Nacional	Committee on National Defence	26		3	RoP
SPA	Comision de Defensa	Defence Committee	40	!	4	Const, RoP, custom
TUR	Milli Savunma Komisyonu	National Defence Committee	25	€ 130m!	3	RoP and custom
UK	Defence Committee		11	?	7	RoP and custom

PART B: Committee Procedures

	6. Public Meetings	7. Secret Meetings	8. Meeting Frequency	9. Chairman Election	10. Chairman in office
BEL	Y	Y	Once a week	C. Members themselves and political parties	19
CAN	Y	Y	Twice a week	C. Members themselves	4½
CZR	Y	Y	Twice a month	The Parliament and C. Members themselves	10
DEN	N	N	Once or twice a month	C. Members themselves and political parties	18
FRA	N	Y	Once a week	C. Members themselves and political parties!	24
GER	N	Y	Once a week	Political parties	22
GRE	N	Y	It depends	C. Members themselves	25
HUN	N	Y	3/month	The Parliament	10
ITA	N!	Y	More than twice a week	C. Members themselves	3
LUX	N	Y	1/2/month	C. Members themselves	8
NET	Y	Y!	Once a week	C. Members themselves!	12!
NOR	N	Y	Once a week	The Parliament and C. Members themselves	13
POL	Y	Y	3/month	C. Members themselves	9
POR	N	N	Once a week	C. Members themselves and political parties	22
SPA	Y	Y	Once or twice a month	C. Members themselves	12
TUR	Y	Y	1/2/month	C. Members themselves	1
UK	Y	Y	More than once a week	C. Members themselves	28
US					

PART B: Committee Procedures (continued)

	11. Members Reelected	12. Chairman Opposition?	13. Expertise Criterion	14. Previous Discussion	15. Minority Reports
BEL	13	N	Y	Y	Y
CAN	5	N	N		!
CZR	10	Y	Y	Y	Y
DEN	9	N	N	N!	Y
FRA	32	N	Y	Y	Y
GER		N		Y	N!
GRE	30	N	Y	Y	Y
HUN	0	Y	N	Y	Y
ITA	6	N	N	Y	Y
LUX	10	N	N	Y	Y
NET	15	N	Y	Y	Y
NOR	3	Y	N	Y	!
POL	5	N	?	Y	Y
POR	9	N	Y	Y	Y
SPA	12	N	Y	Y	Y
TUR	N	N	N	N	Y
UK	2	N	N	N	Y
US					

PART C : Powers of the Defence Committee

Does the Parliamentary Committee on Defence and/or the Parliament (the Plenary) have the following powers?

	BEL	CAN	CZR	DEN	FRA	GER	GRE	HUN	ITA	LUX	NET	NOR	POL	POR	SPA	TUR	UK	US
16. The Committee has oversight powers (oversight of military, executive, budget, enquires).	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Neither	Yes	
17. The Committee has a legislative function.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
18. To initiate legislation on defence issues	Both	Comm.	Both	Parl.	Both	Parl.	Neither	Comm.	Neither	Parl.	Parl.	Both	Comm.	Neither	Parl.	Both	Neither	
19. To amend or to rewrite proposed defence laws	Both	Both	Both	Both	Both	Comm.	Both	Comm.	Both	Parl.	Parl.	Both	Comm.	Comm.	Parl.	Both	Parl.	
20. To question the minister of defence	Both	Comm.	Both	Both	Both	Comm.	Both	Comm.	Both	Both	Both	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Neither	Both	
21. To summon the minister of defence to Committee/Plenary meetings and to testify	Both	Comm.	Both	Both	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Both	Neither	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Both	Both	Parl.	
22. To summon military and other civil servants to committee meetings and to testify	Both	Comm.	Both	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Neither	Comm.	Comm.	Neither	Comm.	Comm.	Both	Comm.	
23. To summon experts from society (NGOs/Universities /Think Tanks) to committee meetings and to testify	Both	Comm.	Both	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Neither	Comm.	Comm.	Neither	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	
24. To obtain documents from the ministry of defence and military	Both	Comm.	Both	Both	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Neither	Both	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	
25. To carry out investigations (parliamentary inquiries) on defence issues	Both	Comm.	Parl.	Both	Both	Comm.		Comm.	Neither	Parl.	Comm.	Comm.	Neither	Comm.	Comm.	Neither	Comm.	
26. To hold hearings on defence issues	Both	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Both		Comm.	Neither	Comm.	Comm.	Neither	Comm.	
27. Does the Plenary of the Parliament often change draft laws submitted by the Parliamentary Committee on Defence?	No			No	No		Yes		Yes	Yes	No	No		No	No		Yes	

Both: power of the Committee and the Plenary

Comm. : power of the Committee

Neither: neither a power of the Committee nor of the Plenary

Plen. : power of the Plenary

Notes: Questions 16 and 17 are introductory and can be answered by yes or no. Questions 18 to 26 show whether it is a power of the Committee on Defence (Com) or a power of the Plenary (Plen), or of both of them (Both) or neither of them (Neither). Question 27 is a general question about practice and can be answered by yes or no.

PART D: Budget Control of Defence Issues

Does the Parliamentary Committee on Defence and/or the Parliament (the Plenary) have the following powers or procedures?

	BEL	CAN	CZR	DEN	FRA	GER	GRE	HUN	ITA	LUX	NET	NOR	POL	POR	SPA	TUR	UK	US
28. Has access to all defence budget documents	Both	Comm.	Both	Both	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Both!	Both	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Plen.	Neither	
29. Has the right to amend and to allocate defence budget funds	Both	Comm.	Both	Plen.	Both			Comm.	Both	Plen.	Plen.	Both	Plen.	Comm.		Plen.	Neither	
30. Control the defence budget by programmes	Both		Neither	Plen.	Both	Comm.			Comm.	Plen.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.		Comm.	Plen.	Neither	
31. Control the defence budget by projects	Neither		Neither	Plen.	Both	Comm.			Neither	Plen.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.		Comm.	Plen.	Neither	
32. Control the defence budget by line-items	Neither		Neither	Plen.	Comm.	Comm.			Comm.	Plen.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.		Comm.	Plen.	Neither	
33. Has the right to approve or disapprove any supplementary defence budget proposals	Both	Comm.	Plen.	Plen.	Both	Comm.		Plen..	Both	Plen.	Plen.	Both		Plen.	Both	Plen.	Plen.	

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PART E: Powers Concerning Peace Missions

Does the Committee on Defence and/or the Plenary approve the following aspects of peace missions?

	BEL	CAN	CZR	DEN	FRA	GER	GRE	HUN	ITA	LUX	NET	NOR	POL	POR	SPA	TUR	UK	US
34. Participation in peace missions before the troops are sent abroad?	Neither	Neither	Both	Both	Neither		Neither		Both	Neither	Both	Plen.	Comm.	Neither	Neither	Plen.	Neither	
35. The mandate	Neither	Neither	Both	Both	Neither	Both				Neither	Both	Neither	Neither	Neither		Neither	Plen.	
36. Budget		Neither	Both	Plen.	Neither	Both			Both	Neither	Both	Plen.	Neither	Neither	Plen.	Neither	Plen.	
37. The risks for military personnel involved	Neither	Neither	Neither	Both	Neither	Both				Neither	Both	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	
38. Rules of engagement	Neither	Neither	Neither	Both	Neither	Comm.				Neither	Both	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	
39. Command/control	Neither	Neither	Neither	Both	Neither	Com.				Neither	Both	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	
40. The duration of the peace mission	Neither	Neither	Both	Both	Neither	Both				Neither	Both	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	
41. The committee members have the right to visit the troops on missions abroad	Comm.	Both	Com.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.	Comm.		Comm.	Neither	Comm.	Comm.		Neither	Comm.	Neither	Comm.	

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Plen. : power of the Plenary

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PART F: Powers Concerning Procurement

Powers of Committee on Defence and/or the Plenary

	BEL	CAN	CZR	DEN	FRA	GER	GRE	HUN	ITA	LUX	NET	NOR	POL	POR	SPA	TUR	UK	US
42. The Minister of Defence is obliged to provide the Committee/Parliament with detailed information on procurement decisions above ...EUR (or USD)	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Comm € 25 MILL			Neither	Neither	€ 50.000	Comm . € 0.8 MILL	Comm .		Neither	Neither	Comm .	
43. The Committee/Parliament decides all contracts above EUR (or USD)	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Comm € 25 Mill			Neither	Neither	€ 50.000	Comm .	€ 28 Mill		Neither	Neither	Neither	
44. The Committee/Parliament is involved in specifying the need for new equipment	Neither	Comm .	Both	Neither	Both	Comm .			Neither	Neither	Comm .	Neither	Neither		Neither	Neither	Neither	
45. The Committee/Parliament is involved in comparing and selecting a manufacturer and product	Neither	Neither	Both	Neither	Neither				Neither	Neither	Comm .	Comm .	Neither		Neither	Neither	Neither	
46. The Committee/Parliament is involved in assessing offers for compensation & off-set	Neither	Neither	Both	Neither	Neither				Neither	Neither	Comm .	Neither	Neither		Neither	Neither	Neither	

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PART G: Powers Concerning Security Policy, Planning and Documents

Powers of Committee on Defence and/or the Plenary

	BEL	CAN	CZR	DEN	FRA	GER	GRE	HUN	ITA	LUX	NET	NOR	POL	POR	SPA	TUR	UK	US
47. The security policy	Neither	Neither	Both	Neither	Both	Comm.		Plen.		Neither	Comm.	Plen.	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	
48. The defence concept	Neither	Neither	Both	Neither	Both	Comm.		Plen.		Neither	Comm.	Comm.	Neither	Comm.	Neither	Neither	Neither	
49. The crisis management concept	Neither	Neither	Both	Neither	Neither	Comm.		Comm.		Neither	Comm.	Comm.	Neither	Neither	Neither	Plen.	Neither	
50. The force structure/planning	Neither	Neither	Both	Neither	Neither	Comm.				Neither	Comm.	Comm.	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	
51. The military strategy	Neither	Neither	Both	Neither	Neither	Comm.				Neither	Comm.	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	

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PART H: Powers Concerning Military Personnel

Powers of Committee on Defence and/or the Plenary

	BEL	CAN	CZR	DEN	FRA	GER	GRE	HUN	ITA	LUX	NET	NOR	POL	POR	SPA	TUR	UK	US
52. The Committee/Parliament (the Plenary) approves: The defence human resources management plan	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Both					Neither		Neither		Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	
53. The Committee/Parliament (the Plenary) approves: The maximum number of personnel employed by the MoD and military	Both	Neither	Neither	Neither	Both	Comm.				Neither		Plen		Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	
54. The Committee/Parliament (the Plenary) approves: High-ranking military appointments	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither				Neither	Neither		Neither		Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	
55. The Committee/Parliament (the Plenary) is consulted by the Minister of Defence about high- ranking military appointments	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither				Neither	Neither		Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	Neither	

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