# Decision on the number of interparliamentary delegations, delegations to joint parliamentary committees and delegations to parliamentary cooperation committees

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the number of inter parliamentary delegations, delegations to joint parliamentary committees and delegations to parliamentary cooperation committees. The decision sets up three categories of delegation: - Joint Parliamentary Committees (JPCs): these are established with the parliaments of states associated with the Community or States with which accession negotiations have been initiated; -Parliamentary Cooperation Committees (PCCs): these are established with parliaments of countries with which the EU has a Partnership and Cooperation agreement (only the former USSR); -Delegations for relations with other countries. The JPCs with the ten accession countries will disappear. On the other hand: - the Delegation to South East Europe (the Balkans) will be divided into a JPC EU-Croatia, a JPC EU-Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and a Delegation for relations with Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Serbia and Montenegro (including Kosovo); -the PCC Ukraine-Moldova-Belarus will be divided into a PCC EU-Ukraine, a PCC EU-Moldova and a Delegation for relations with Belarus. In addition: -two new JPCs will be created with Mexico and Chile, as a result of the association agreements with these countries; -a delegation for relations with Iran will be created, though bilateral work would not begin until a decision of principle was taken by the Conference of Presidents; -a delegation will be set up to the new Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly; --there will be a Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, made up in the first instance of members of the Foreign Affairs Committee and its Subcommittee on Security and Defence. Finally, the Committee on International Trade will deal with the parliamentary dimension of the WTO. These changes will enter force after the June European elections.