THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY TREATY ORGANIZATION IS THE STATUTORY BODY OF THE CSTO INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION IT ENSURES SIMULTANEOUS RATIFICATION OF CSTO TREATIES AND HARMONIZATION OF ITS MEMBER STATES’ NATIONAL LEGISLATION.

THE ASSEMBLY ADOPTS MODEL LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AIMED AT REGULATING LEGAL RELATIONS WITHIN THE CSTO MANDATE, APPROXIMATING THE CSTO MEMBER STATES’ NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND ALIGNING IT WITH PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL TREATIES CONCLUDED WITHIN THE CSTO FRAMEWORK.
THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY CONSISTS OF PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS OF THE CSTO MEMBER STATES CHAIRED BY HEADS OF PARLIAMENTS
“The parliamentary dimension of the CSTO develops due to the heads of state’s support of this format. Within the framework of inter-parliamentary cooperation, we do our utmost to provide legislative support for their decisions.”

Vyacheslav Volodin
Chairman of the CSTO Parliamentary Assembly
Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation
“Within the CSTO PA, there is quite a lot of potential for more coherent and coordinated interaction based on mutual support and consideration of interests, especially on issues of relevance to our states and peoples.”

Alen Simonyan
Member of the CSTO PA Council
Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia
“The CSTO PA is an open international platform where effective decisions are made to preserve and protect the most precious thing for all countries and peoples: peace, tranquility and security. There is nothing more important than that.”

— Natalia Kochanova
CSTO PA Council Member
Chairwoman of the Council of the Republic of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus

“CSTO PA’s significance lies precisely in its ability to both coordinate parliaments’ lawmaking and to uphold our common interests on international platforms.”

— Vladimir Andreichenko
Member of the CSTO PA Council
Chairman of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus
“We observe growing international tensions caused by geopolitical and geo-economic factors. Global security system is changing radically. In these circumstances, it is important to bring together all stakeholders, first and foremost reliable politicians, representatives of the civil sector, spiritual and religious leaders. It is important to confront global challenges and threats together.”

Maulen Ashimbayev
Member of the CSTO PA Council
Chairman of the Senate of the Republic of Kazakhstan

“I am glad that CSTO parliamentarians consistently develop their constructive joint work. Parliaments of the CSTO Member States actively cooperate on a wide range of issues of the Organization’s activity, first of all, providing the legislative basis to counteract modern challenges and threats.”

Erlan Koshanov
Member of the CSTO PA Council
Chairman of the Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan
“Kyrgyzstan attaches great importance to strengthening the CSTO potential and expects a tangible effect from multilateral security cooperation in general. I am convinced that through our joint efforts we can increase its role in creating a more secure world.”

Nurlanbek Shakiev
Member of the CSTO PA Council
Toraga (Speaker) of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic
Parliaments of the CSTO Member States

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Vyacheslav Volodin
Chairman of the CSTO Parliamentary Assembly
Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

"The quality of joint work to prevent threats in the Organization’s area of responsibility depends to a large extent on the creation of a common legal security space. Approximation and harmonization of national legislation is our priority."

Yury Vorobyev
Member of the CSTO PA Council
Deputy Speaker of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation

"Many issues considered at the CSTO PA have already been implemented. The fact that not only CSTO members but many other countries have paid attention to our cooperation inspires hope for an increased scope of influence of the CSTO and its parliamentary component in addressing real global threats."
Parliaments of the CSTO Member States

REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

"CSTO's work is a factor for maintaining peace and stability in the region of its responsibility. The Republic of Tajikistan prioritizes interaction between our countries within the Organization and promotes consistent joint efforts to achieve goals stipulated in its Treaty and Charter."

"The Republic of Tajikistan consistently strives to implement CSTO programmes and strategies, takes measures to implement decisions aimed at supporting the Organization’s work."

Rustam Emomali
Member of the CSTO PA Council
Chairman of the Majlis Milli of the Majlyli Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan

Zokirzoda Mahmadoir Zoir
Member of the CSTO PA Council
Chairman of the Majlis Namoyonlagon of the Majlyli Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan
PARTNERS AND OBSERVERS

CSTO Parliamentary Assembly welcomes everyone who is interested in cooperation for strengthening international security. For closer cooperation with national parliaments and international organizations, the Parliamentary Assembly established the institution of partners and observers.
THE MAIN TASK OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY IS APPROXIMATION OF THE CSTO MEMBER STATES’ NATIONAL LEGISLATION WITHIN ITS MANDATE
THE ASSEMBLY’S MODEL LEGISLATIVE ACTS SERVE AS A BENCHMARK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CSTO MEMBER STATES’ NATIONAL LEGISLATION
CSTO PA adopts an Action Plan on Approximation and Harmonization of National Legislation of the CSTO Member States for a specific period.

- **2011-2015**
  - 24 recommendations

- **2016-2020**
  - 23 recommendations
  - 8 model laws
  - 7 other model legal acts

- **2021-2025**
  - 33 model legal acts
CSTO PA PARLIAMENTARIANS’ PRIORITY IS HIGH-QUALITY LAWMAKING

The Assembly’s working bodies interact with relevant offices, academics and experts of the CSTO Member States.
THE ASSEMBLY EXPRESSES ITS OPINION ON THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES CONCERNING THE SECURITY OF THE CSTO AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

CSTO PA’S ADDRESS to the Parliaments of the Council of Europe Member States on the Occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Victory over Nazism in the Second World War

STATEMENT of the CSTO PA regarding the inadmissibility of foreign interference in the electoral processes of the Organization’s Member States

STATEMENT of the CSTO PA Council on the situation in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Statement on the inadmissibility of the Development of Biological and Toxin Weapons
DEVELOPMENT OF A DRAFT LAW BEGINS AT THE EXPERT ADVISORY BOARD

Expert Advisory Board (EAB) under the Council of the CSTO Parliamentary Assembly is a standing advisory body that develops proposals and recommendations for the formation of common principles and approaches to the issues of approximation and harmonization of the CSTO Member States’ legislation on the basis of interaction between national parliaments and relevant executive bodies, CSTO bodies and professional, academic and expert community.

Providing academic, analytical, expert and legal support for the CSTO PA activities, the EAB reviews and examines draft model acts and sends them to the relevant standing commissions of the Assembly.

Legal Centre for Information and Analysis is a CSTO PA advisory body and a part of the Expert Advisory Board under the CSTO PA Council. Its decisions serve as guidelines.
CSTO PA STANDING COMMISSION
ON DEFENCE AND SECURITY

- develops model legislative acts, recommendations and other legal acts aimed at the approximation and harmonization of the CSTO Member States’ national legislation in the area of defence and security, combating international terrorism and extremism and prevention and elimination of natural and man-made emergencies;

- conducts parliamentary monitoring of the military and political situation in the CSTO collective security regions in order to determine ways to improve the measures of legal support for the functioning of the collective security system of the CSTO Member States;

- elaborates proposals for the development of military cooperation between the CSTO Member States, including logistical and military-technical support of collective security forces and assets.
CSTO PA STANDING COMMISSION ON POLITICAL ISSUES AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- promotes approximation and harmonization of the CSTO Member States’ national legislation in the area of international security;
- prepares and considers draft political statements and appeals of the CSTO PA;
- coordinates the parliamentary monitoring of electoral processes in the Organization’s Member States;
- assists in coordinating the actions of the delegations of the parliaments of the CSTO Member States on international platforms;
- supports and develops cooperation between the CSTO PA and other parliaments and international organizations.
CSTO PA STANDING COMMISSION ON SOCIOECONOMIC AND LEGAL ISSUES

- develops recommendations on improving the regulatory framework in the military and economic sphere, in combating illegal migration and human trafficking and countering the legalization of criminal proceeds;

- develops model laws and recommendations in the area of international humanitarian law and social protection of military personnel, law-enforcement officers, officers of security agencies and special services and their family members;

- prepares proposals for the harmonization of the CSTO Member States’ legislation in the area of humanitarian assistance and regulation of migration processes;

- evaluates draft regulatory documents regulating the activities of the CSTO PA.
COORDINATION COUNCIL OF CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEES (COMMISSIONS) ON DEFENCE AND SECURITY OF THE PARLIAMENTS OF THE CSTO MEMBER STATES UNDER THE CSTO PA COUNCIL

- assists national parliaments in developing proposals on approximation and harmonization of legislation in the area of defence and security;

- develops a coordinated and consolidated position on topical issues in the area of defence and security that fall within the sphere of interests of the CSTO: peacekeeping, information security, combating international terrorism and extremism, illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, weapons, organized transnational crime, illegal migration, and other security challenges and threats;

- conducts parliamentary monitoring of the military and political situation in the CSTO collective security regions in order to determine ways to improve the measures of legal support for the functioning of the collective security system of the CSTO Member States.
CSTO PA PARLIAMENTARIANS TAKE PART IN MONITORING ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA AT THE INVITATION OF THE AUTHORIZED BODIES OF THE CSTO MEMBER STATES

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As a result of electoral processes monitoring, observer missions adopt conclusions and submit them to the CSTO PA Council.
PARLIAMENTARIANS VISIT BORDER REGIONS OF THE CSTO AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND OBSERVE EXERCISES OF THE ORGANIZATION’S COLLECTIVE FORCES

This allows studying the real state of affairs and initiating corresponding legislative proposals.
ASSAMBLEY’S PARLIAMENTARIANS COORDINATE THEIR WORK AT INTERNATIONAL PLATFORMS

This work is necessary to formulate a common position of the parliamentary delegations of the Member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization.
CSTO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY IS A LAWMAKING INSTITUTION PROVIDING A LEGISLATIVE BASIS FOR THE SECURITY OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION’S MEMBER STATES