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Re: Survey on parliaments' priorities for "NATO 2030"

Dear Sir/Madam,

At their meeting in London in December 2019, NATO Heads of State and Government invited NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg to lead a forward-leaning reflection process to further strengthen NATO's political dimension.

To support him in the reflection process, the NATO Secretary General has appointed a group of 10 experts. The experts are engaged in an extensive process of consultations and will submit their findings this autumn to inform the NATO Secretary General's recommendations to NATO Heads of State and Government when they next meet in 2021.

Under the banner of "NATO 2030", the NATO Secretary General has already sketched out his vision of how to strengthen the Alliance in an increasingly competitive world, in particular by focusing on three main priorities:

- 1) Keeping NATO strong militarily, i.e. continuing to invest in the armed forces and modern military capabilities, which have kept Allies safe for over 70 years;
- 2) Strengthening NATO politically, i.e. using NATO as the forum to discuss, and where necessary to act, on issues affecting Allies' shared security; and
- 3) Making the Alliance more global, i.e. working even more closely with like-minded partners to defend Allied values in a world of increased global competition "where we see China coming closer to us from the Arctic to cyber space".

To support the "NATO 2030" process and generate fresh thinking, NATO is keen to engage with Allies and partner nations, public and private sector experts, as well as parliamentarians. The NATO Parliamentary Assembly will engage both with the group of experts and with the NATO Secretary General.

To start to give shape to the Assembly's contribution to the "NATO 2030" process, delegations are kindly asked to answer the following survey about their parliaments' priorities for NATO. Replies should be sent to Valérie Geffroy (vgeffroy@nato-pa.int) in the name of the Head of delegation and should be no more than 4 pages in length. The deadline for submissions is Monday 14 September 2020.

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- 1. How can the Alliance reinforce unity, cohesion, solidarity, and the transatlantic bond? List two proposals.
- 2. How can the Alliance strengthen its political consultation and coordination processes, especially on emerging challenges as well as in situations when Allies differ on important issues? List two proposals.
- 3. Looking ahead to the strategic environment of 2030, list the main threats and challenges NATO should focus on.
- 4. How should NATO address a rising China? List two proposals.
- 5. What further priorities would your delegation like to see reflected in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly's contribution to the NATO2030 process?

Yours sincerely,

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