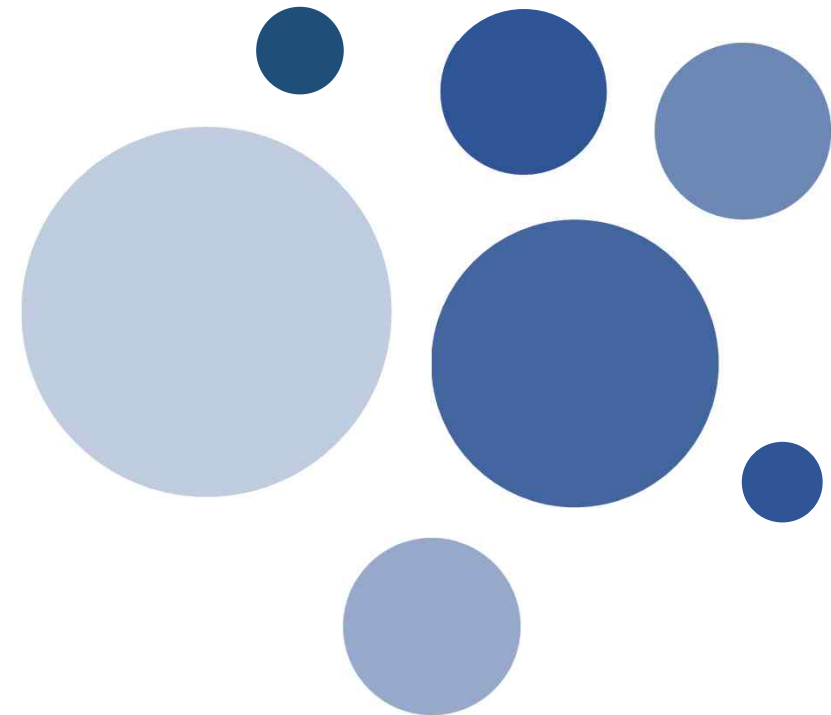




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# **Support for Parliamentary Diplomacy as an innovation of research service to Members of Parliaments**

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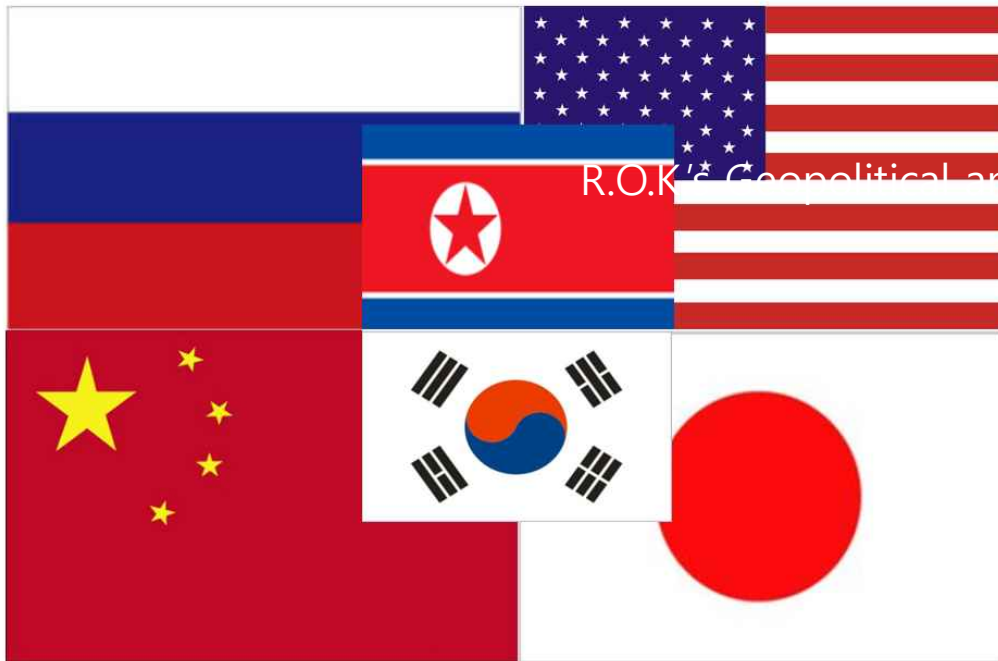


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# Why Conduct Parliamentary Diplomacy?

## R.O.K.'s Geopolitical and Economic Environment



Appendix Table 1: Leading exporters and importers in world merchandise trade, 2022

Billion dollars and percentage

Rank	Exporters	Value	Share	Annual percentage change	Rank	Importers	Value	Share	Annual percentage change
1	China	4,594	14.4	7	1	United States of America	3,376	13.2	15
2	United States of America	2,065	8.3	18	2	China	2,716	10.6	1
3	Germany	1,655	6.6	1	3	Germany	1,571	6.1	11
4	Netherlands	966	3.9	15	4	Netherlands	899	3.5	19
5	Japan	747	3.0	-1	5	Japan	897	3.5	17
6	Korea, Republic of	684	2.7	6	6	United Kingdom	824	3.2	19
7	Italy	657	2.6	7	7	France	818	3.2	14
8	Belgium	633	2.5	15	8	Korea, Republic of	731	2.9	19
9	France	618	2.5	6	9	India	723	2.8	26
10	Hong Kong, China	610	2.4	-9	10	Italy	689	2.7	22

Source: WTO, Global Trade Outlook and Statistics 2023, p.19.



# What is Parliamentary Diplomacy?

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**Parliamentary diplomacy** is a diplomatic activity conducted by lawmakers and parliamentary diplomatic organizations for foreign parliaments, governments, and institutions to secure support for pending issues at home and abroad, promote cooperation, and expand exchanges.

## Parliamentary Diplomatic Actors

- The Speaker
- Inter-Parliamentary Groups
- Parliamentary Committees
- Individual MPs
- Political Parties
- Parliamentary Support Groups

## Types of Parliamentary Diplomacy

- Visits Abroad
- Hosting Visitors
- International Conference
- Online Diplomacy

Regulations on  
Parliamentary  
Diplomacy(1981)

## Inter-State Parliamentary Diplomacy

- Parliaments
- Political Parties
- Governments
- Private Sectors



# The roles of Parliamentary Diplomacy

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## The Supplementary role of Parliamentary Diplomacy

- Supplement traditional diplomacy
- Sharing knowledge and experience
- Promote government's agendas



## The advantages of Parliamentary Diplomacy

- To use various human networks and to directly contact decision-makers
- Flexibility to seek alternative solutions in addition to official government policies
- Complementation by parliamentary diplomacy to countries in estranged relations due to the government's diplomatic stance
- Signaling the Continuity of Foreign Policy through Bipartisan Parliamentary Diplomacy

## The criticisms of Parliamentary Diplomacy

- Impromptu trips without systematic institutionalization
- An unprepared business trip to the country and administration of diplomatic partners



*The Role of NARS in Parliamentary Diplomacy*

## III. Current types of Parliamentary Diplomacy

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### Committees

- Visits Abroad
- Hosting Visitors
- International Conference

### Speaker's Summit

- MIKTA Speaker's Consultation
- The Meeting of Speakers of Eurasian Countries' Parliaments
- Parliamentary Speaker's Summit at G20

### International Organization

- Inter-Parliamentary Union(IPU)
- The Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF)
- ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly(AIPA)

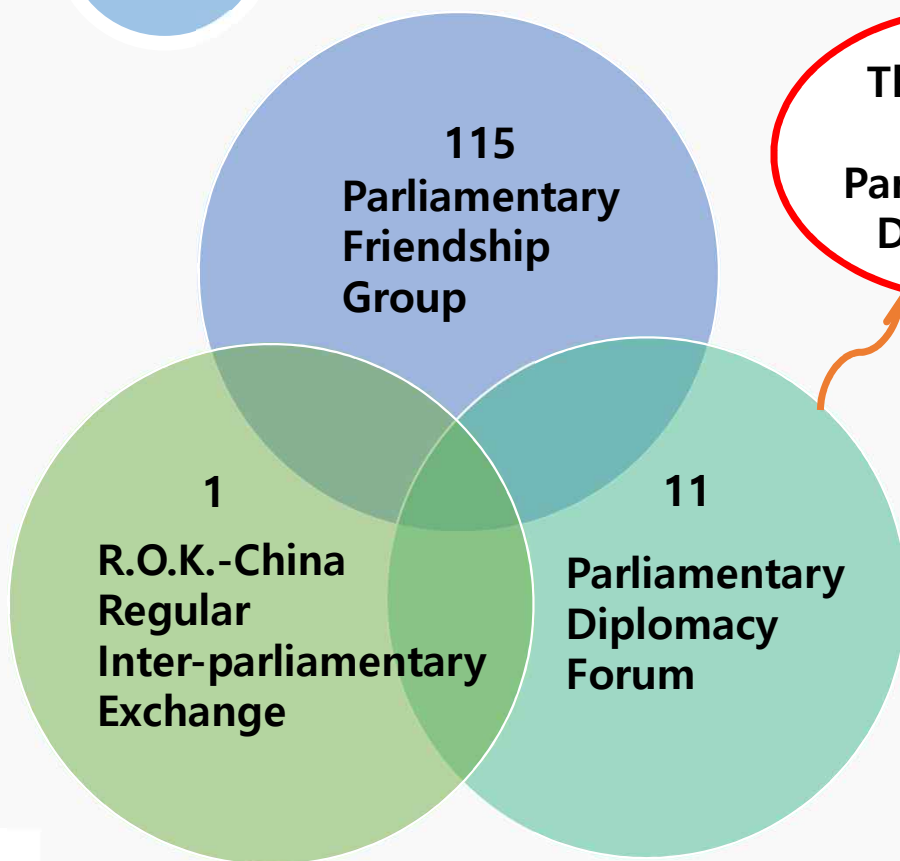
### Inter-Parliamentary Groups

- Parliamentary Diplomacy Forum
- Inter-parliamentary Council
- Parliamentary Friendship Group
- R.O.K.-China Regular Inter-Parliamentary Exchange



# The Current Types of R.O.K. Inter-Parliamentary Groups

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NARS in  
Parliamentary  
Diplomacy

## Other Parliamentary Diplomacy (Parliamentary Unions and Associations)

- Korea Scout Parliamentary Association (KSPA)
- Korean Parliamentary League on Children, Population and Environment (CPE)
- Korea-Japan Parliamentarians' Union
- International Parliamentarians' Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights (IPCNKR)
- Parliamentary Union of the International Conference of Asian Political Parties



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## Parliamentary Diplomacy Forum

**외교입국** ("Strengthen the Country through Diplomacy")

- Advisory Committee for Parliamentary Diplomacy(2019)

The **Parliamentary Diplomacy Forum** consists of key groups of senior members of the South Korean National Assembly who seek to resolve diplomatic issues facing South Korea by communicating with their counterparts and carrying out networking and public diplomacy activities.

- 12 Countries or Regions Worldwide
- Chair Persons (multi-term senior members)
- All 300 Members of Parliament belong to the Forum
- **A Forum Advisory Group** (with expertise in the country or region)
- **NARS' Support** for Parliamentary Diplomacy





# Parliamentary Diplomacy Forum

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## Parliamentary Diplomacy Forum On the U.S.

- Strengthening the Network between the R.O.K. and U. S. Legislatures
- Discussions on the Solutions and Prospects for North Korea's Nuclear Program
- Understanding the ROK-U.S. Alliance and Current Issues

※ CSGK (Congressional Study Group on Korea) is a Korea issue research group consisting of incumbent U.S. Congress lawmakers. It was founded in 2018.

***R.O.K.-U.S. Inter-parliamentary Exchange(Group)***



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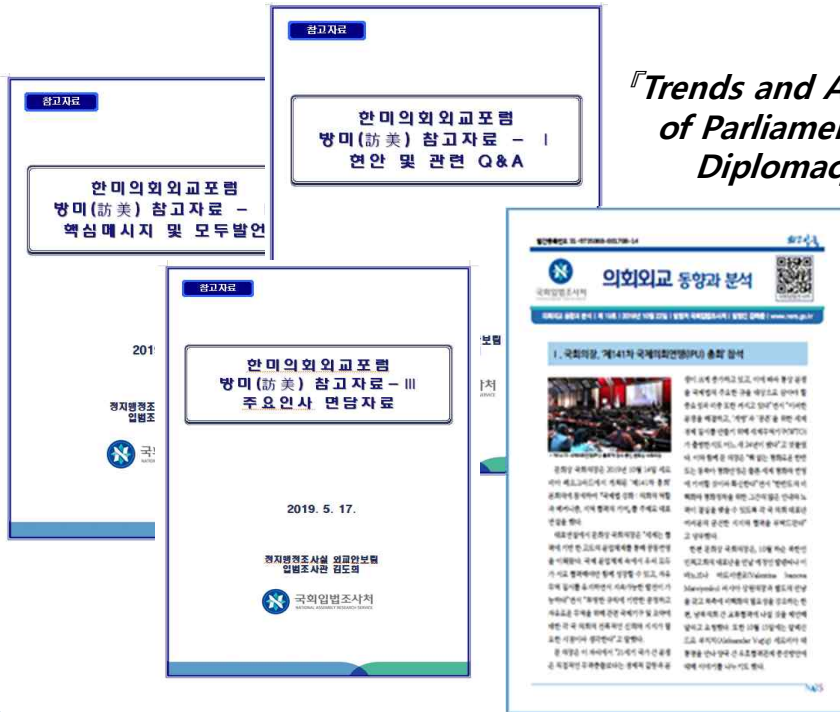


# NARS' Support for Parliamentary Diplomacy

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## NARS' Report

『Trends and Analysis  
of Parliamentary  
Diplomacy』



## NARS' International Exchange

### Tailored Support

- Tailored response to the specific needs of parliamentary diplomacy
- Providing information, analysis, and strategic advice on current issues and agenda
- Planning and attending expert meetings
- Preparing speaking notes and delegation reports
- Accompanying delegations to meetings
- Networking with experts and congressional support organizations of partner countries

# International Seminars for Parliamentary Research

	SCHEDULE	Participating Nations	Theme
1st	2010.12.6. ~ 12.9.	Laos, Mongolia, Vietnam, India, Cambodia, Korea (6 countries, 15 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of Parliaments and Parliamentary Research Service</li> <li>• A Study on the Cooperation between the Organization of the Parliamentary Research Service in Asia</li> </ul>
2nd	2011.11.1. ~ 11.4.	Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, Korea (5 countries, 20 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of parliaments and Parliamentary Research Service</li> <li>• A Study on the Cooperation between the Organization of the Parliamentary Research Service in Asia</li> </ul>
3rd	2012.6.27. ~ 6.29.	Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, Philippines, Korea (10 countries, 49 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of the General Assembly System in each country</li> <li>• A Study on the Establishment of the Forum of the Asian Parliamentary Research Organization</li> </ul>
4th	2013.10.31. ~ 11.2.	Laos, Mongolia, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, India, Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, USA, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Iran, Japan, Australia, Korea (17 countries, 59 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cases and Types of the support for Parliament in participating Countries</li> <li>• The status of policy, legislation, and development for revitalization of women's political activities</li> </ul>
5th	2014.11.20. ~ 11.22.	Cambodia, Iran, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Switzerland, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Korea (10 countries, 30 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Role of the Parliamentary Research Service for better legislation</li> <li>• The systems and cases of Policy · legislative analysis</li> </ul>
6th	2015.11.17. ~ 11.19.	Australia, the European Union, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Korea (12 countries, 32 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The relations between the legislative and executive branch</li> </ul>
7th	2016.11.8. ~ 11.10.	European Union, India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Mongolia, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Cambodia, Uganda, Korea (15 countries, 35 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues and Challenges in the Study of Parliamentary Research</li> </ul>
8th	2017.11.8. ~ 11.10	Cambodia, Canada, the Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Malaysia, Mongolia, Netherlands, Philippines, Poland, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, USA, Korea (17 countries, 29 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles and Tasks for Promoting Communication between Parliament and the People</li> <li>• Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation for the Resolution of the Transnational Agenda</li> </ul>
9th	2018.11.7. ~ 11.9.	Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Canada, the Czech Republic, the European Union, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mongolia, Myanmar, Philippines, Russia, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, England, USA, Uzbekistan (21 countries, 45 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The response of the parliament against the Paradigm Shift of Social and People's Life by the Development of Science and Technology</li> </ul>
10th	2019.11.6. ~11.8.	Austria, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Canada, the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Kuwait, Latvia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, USA, Uzbekistan, South Korea (25 countries, 44 people)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Functions and Roles of the Parliamentary Research Service for Strengthening the capacity of Parliament</li> </ul>
11th	2022.5.17.	Austria, Bangladesh, Czech Republic, EU, Germany, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland, Thailand, Uganda, UK, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution to the development of the legislative system by sharing experiences and expanding networks among the world parliamentary research organizations</li> </ul>

# IV. Further Suggestions

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**R.O.K. Parliamentary Diplomacy**



**Parties**

Budget  
Experts  
Organization

**Local**

Legislative  
Executive  
Branch

**Legacy**

Speakers  
Chairmen  
MPs

In-depth  
and  
scientific  
Support  
From  
**NARS**

Thank You!

