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**NUMBER OF SEATS FOR THE DELEGATIONS OF
ALGERIA AND MOROCCO**

1. At its meeting in Venice, the President noted that the Algerian delegation had requested that its delegation should consist of six delegates, rather than the five agreed by the Standing Committee. This was to enable the delegation to be balanced between parties and chambers. The Algerian delegation has nominated six participants for the Copenhagen Session, and has again cited the difficulties of forming a delegation with fewer numbers.

2. Table 1 shows the populations and delegation sizes for all the Associate and Mediterranean Associate delegations. This shows that the populations of Algeria and Morocco (around 32 million) are substantially larger than those of other delegations which have been allocated five delegates but which have populations of less than ten million. However, looking back to the situation in 1998 when Poland and Romania were both still Associate members, Poland's population was about 39 million, and Romania's about 23 million. Both had six-person delegations. (The populations and delegation sizes for the Associate delegations in 1998 appear in Table 2).

3. The Standing Committee should decide whether to increase the representation of the Algerian delegation from five to six, and - in view of the similarity in size of the Moroccan population - whether to increase Morocco's representation similarly.

Table 1: Associate and *Mediterranean Associate Delegations*: Population and Assembly delegation numbers

Associate Member Delegations and <i>Mediterranean Associate Delegations</i>	Population in 2005* (Million)	Number of delegates
the FYR of Macedonia	2.034	3
Armenia	3.016	3
<i>Mauritania</i>	3.069	3
Albania	3.130	3
Moldova	4.206	3
Croatia	4.551	3
Georgia	4.474	4
Finland	5.249	4
<i>Jordan</i>	5.703	4
<i>Israel</i>	6.725	4
Switzerland	7.252	5
Azerbaijan	8.411	5
Austria	8.189	5
Sweden	9.041	5
<i>Algeria</i>	32.854	5
<i>Morocco</i>	31.478	5
Ukraine	46.481	8
Russia	143.202	10

* Source: "*L'Etat du Monde 2006*"

Table 2: (From “Proposal on the Representation of New Delegations [AR 326 (98) 43] presented to the Standing Committee in November 1998)

Country	Population (million)	Number of delegates before admission of new NATO members and before granting Finland Associate Status	Number of delegates after admission of new NATO Members and after granting Finland Associate Member Status
Estonia	1.472	3	3
Slovenia	2.012	3	3
Latvia	2.587	3	3
FYROM	2.666	3	3
Albania	3.638	3	3
Lithuania	3.709	3	3
Moldova	4.319	3	3
Finland *	5.136	0	4
Slovakia	5.370	4	4
Bulgaria	8.339	5	5
Czech Rep.	10.350	5	0
Hungary	10.159	5	0
Romania	22.769	6	6
Poland	38.673	6	0
Ukraine	50.853	6	6
Russian Federation	148.000	10	10
Total		68	56