

REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



**COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE**

### **About the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia**

On the basis of the Slovenian Constitution, the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia began to function after the second democratic elections in 1992.

The most recent parliamentary elections, in which ninety deputies were elected to the National Assembly, were held on 15 October 2000.

Deputies are elected by universal, equal, direct and secret voting.

The deputies are the representatives of all the people and are not bound by any instructions.

The term of office of a deputy lasts four years. Elections to the National Assembly are called by the President of the Republic.



*Borut Pahor,  
President of the National  
Assembly of the Republic  
of Slovenia*

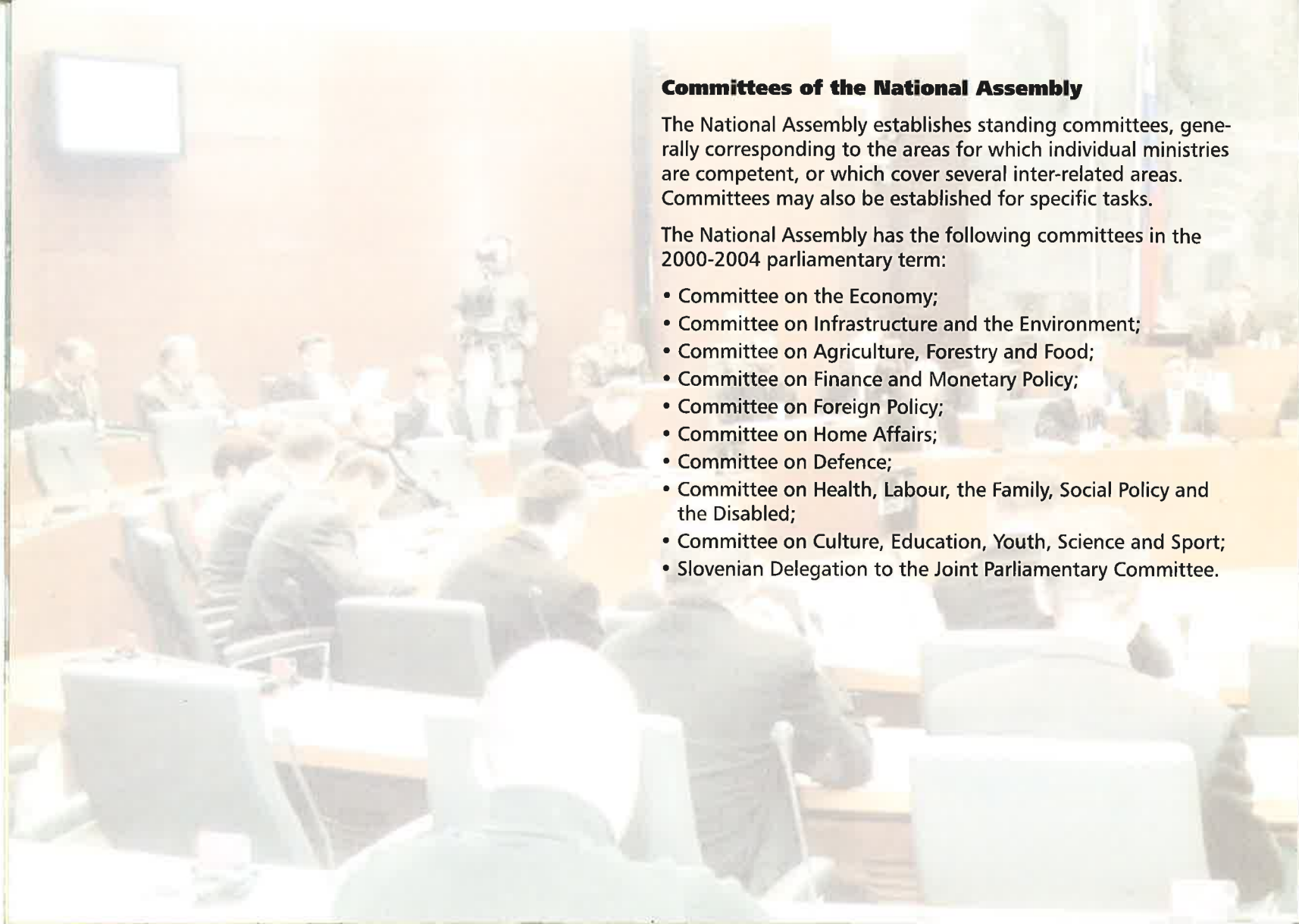
## **Working bodies of the National Assembly**

The National Assembly establishes working bodies to monitor the state of affairs in individual areas, to prepare policy decisions in such areas, to formulate positions on particular issues and to discuss draft laws and other acts of the National Assembly.

A working body is composed of a chairman, usually one deputy chairman and the members. As a general rule, the offices of chairman and deputy chairman of a given working body are held by deputies of different deputy groups. If the chairman of a working body belongs to one of the deputy groups of the governing coalition, the office of deputy chairman will normally be held by a member of an opposition deputy group, and vice versa.

The leading positions in the Commission for Budgetary and Other Public Finance Control and in the Commission for Supervision of the Work of the Security and Intelligence Services are held by deputies of opposition deputy groups.





### **Committees of the National Assembly**

The National Assembly establishes standing committees, generally corresponding to the areas for which individual ministries are competent, or which cover several inter-related areas. Committees may also be established for specific tasks.

The National Assembly has the following committees in the 2000-2004 parliamentary term:

- Committee on the Economy;
- Committee on Infrastructure and the Environment;
- Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Food;
- Committee on Finance and Monetary Policy;
- Committee on Foreign Policy;
- Committee on Home Affairs;
- Committee on Defence;
- Committee on Health, Labour, the Family, Social Policy and the Disabled;
- Committee on Culture, Education, Youth, Science and Sport;
- Slovenian Delegation to the Joint Parliamentary Committee.



### **Commissions of the National Assembly**

The National Assembly establishes commissions to examine specific common issues or to examine individual matters.

The National Assembly has the following standing commissions:

- Commission for Mandates and Elections;
- Commission for the Rules of Procedure;
- Commission for National Communities;
- Commission for Supervision of the Work of the Security and Intelligence Services;
- Commission for Budgetary and Other Public Finance Control.

Pursuant to a particular law, the Commission on the Incompatibility of Holding Public Office with Gainful Activity Act was established.

The following commissions are also operating in the current term:

- Commission for Petitions;
- Commission for Relations with Slovenes in Neighbouring and Other Countries;
- Commission for European Affairs;
- Constitutional Commission.

During the current term the National Assembly has also established a Commission of Inquiry to determine responsibility with respect to the purchase and sale of electricity suspected of having caused economic damage to the Slovenian power industry, and a Commission of Inquiry to determine the background of and motives for the assault on the journalist Miro Petek and the possible involvement and political responsibility of the holders of public functions.

**Establishment of the  
Committee on Defence  
in the 2000-2004 parlia-  
mentary term**

The Committee on Defence was established by the Ordinance on the Establishment of the Committee on Defence, adopted by the National Assembly on 21 November 2000 on the basis of the fourth indent of Rule 48(2) and Rules 124 and 172 of the Rules of Procedure of the National Assembly (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, Nos. 40/93, 80/94, 3/95, 28/96, 46/00, 3/01, 9/01 and 13/01).



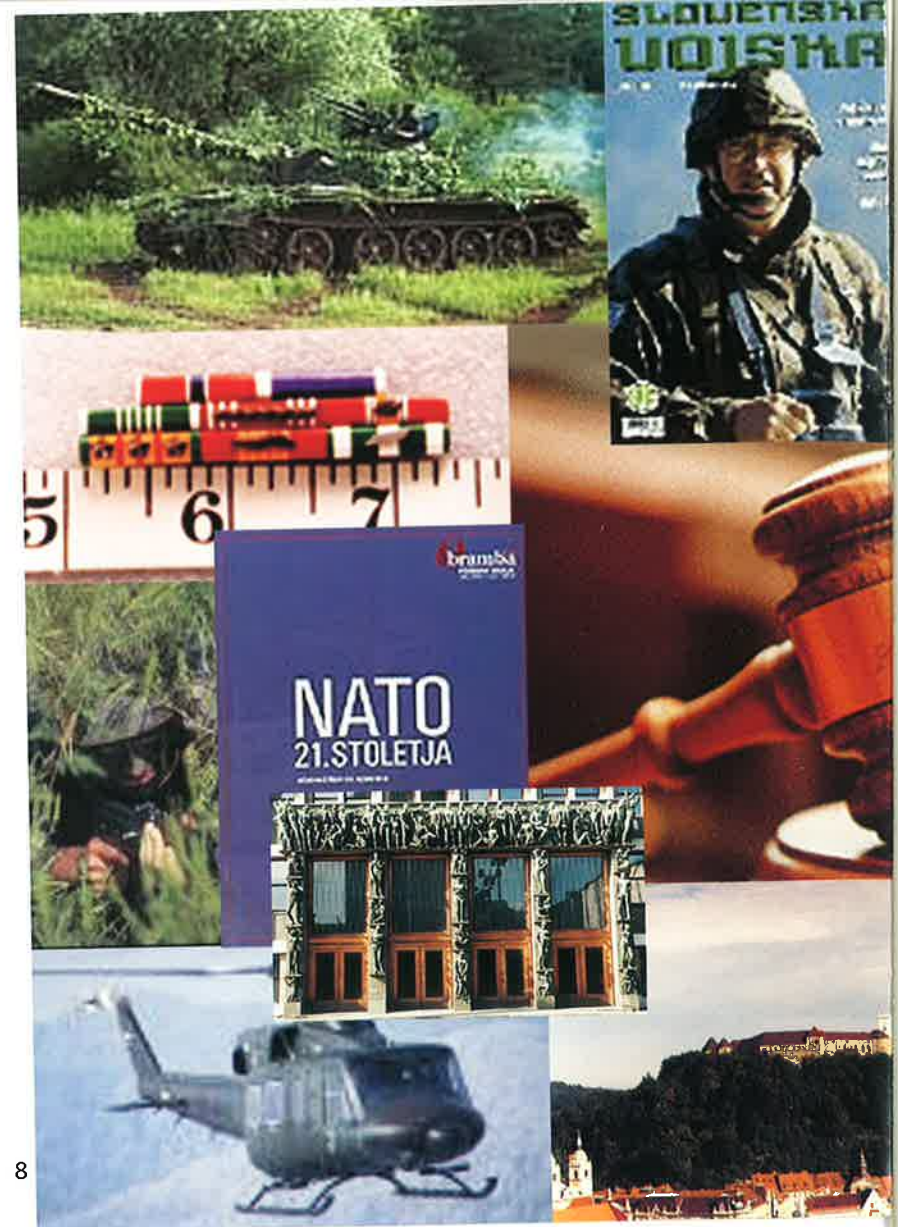
### **Issues considered by the Committee**

The committee discusses draft laws and other acts related to defence, basic development programmes of the defence forces, defence expenditure, military service, material obligations, protection against natural and other disasters, fire and fire protection services. The committee also deals with issues concerning Slovenia's integration into Euro-Atlantic structures and other issues related to the scope of the work of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia.



### Committee's tasks

The Committee on Defence discusses draft laws, other acts and issues related to the scope of the work of the Ministry of Defence. The committee is also the working body of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia responsible for the organisation, training and exercise of national defence.







### Competences of the Committee on Defence

The competences of the Committee on Defence are determined in Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure of the National Assembly (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 35/02). Within the scope of its work, the Committee on Defence may request that the Government and other state authorities as well as public institutes, public enterprises and public funds founded by the state, provide explanations and information which it needs to perform its tasks. The above bodies must immediately forward the information and documents requested, unless such is contrary to the law.

### **Composition of the Committee**

The Committee on Defence comprises a chairman, a deputy chairman and twelve members.

In the 2000-2004 parliamentary term, the committee comprises:

- five members from the Liberal Democracy of Slovenia (LDS) deputy group,
- three members from the Social Democratic Party of Slovenia (SDS) deputy group,
- one member from the United List of Social Democrats (ZLSD) deputy group,
- one member from the Slovene People's Party (SLS) deputy group,
- one member from the New Slovenia (Nsi) deputy group,
- one member from the Democratic Party of Pensioners of Slovenia (DeSUS) deputy group,
- one member from the Slovene National Party (SNS) deputy group,
- one member from the Slovene Youth Party (SMS) deputy group.

The Chairman of the Committee on Defence for the 2000-2004 term is Rudolf Petan (Social Democratic Party); the deputy chairman of the committee is Dorijan Maršič (Liberal Democracy of Slovenia).



*Rudolf Petan,  
Committee chairman  
- SDS*



*Dorijan Maršič,  
Committee deputy  
chairman - LDS*



*Jože Avšič - LDS*



*Miran Jerič - LDS*



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*Ivan Božič - SLS*



*Marija Ana Tisovic - NSi*



*Jaša Zlobec Lukič - LDS*



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*Valentin Pohorec -  
DeSUS*



*Zmago Jelinčič  
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*Igor Štemberger - SMS*

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