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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

ON TREATIES . RE: AUSTRALIA &

PORTUGESE REPUBLIC, LISBON 2009.

DEAR SIRS.

IT IS THE SUBMISSION OF THIS EXECUTIVE THAT THIS TREATY BE RATIFIED, WE FULLY SUPPORT THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, WE SUPPORT THE OVERVIEW AND NATIONAL INTEREST SUMMARY, HOWEVER WE ARE CONCERNED AT THE CREATION OF JOBS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS IN AUSTRALIA DURING THE POSTING OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR STAFF. IN A TIME OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AROUND THE WORLD WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE NEED FOR CREATION OF JOBS FOR FOREIGN EMBASSY FAMILY MEMBERS. JOBS IN AUSTRALIA AT ANY LEVEL SHOULD GO TO AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS, BEFORE ANY FOREIGN NATIONAL. ARTICLE 13. WE THE EXECUTIVE SUPPORT, WITH CONDITIONS, WE SUBMIT THAT ANY MEMBER OF EMBASSY STAFF, FAMILY COMMIT ANY SERIOUS OFFENCE THEN THAT PERSON AND FAMILY BE RECALLED FROM THE POST, IN THEY ARE IN AUSTRALIA, THEN THEY SHOULD BE DEPORTED, ANY CRIMINAL ACT BY POSTED STAFF FROM AUSTRALIA WHILE ON SERVICE IN A FOREIGN EMBASSY WOULD BE DEEMED BY THE EXECUTIVE AS BEING UNAUSTRALIAN IN NATURE NO IMMUNITY SHOULD BE SHOWN BY AUSTRALIA, AND THAT PERSON OR PERSONS SHOULD BE GIVEN NO ASSISTANCE BY LEGAL STATUS FROM PROSECUTION, AUSTRALIA'S INTERESTS SHOULD ONLY BE THAT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW NOTHING ELSE, THE EXECUTIVE WISH TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO COMMENT ON THIS TREATY.

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