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EXECUTIVE

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

ON TREATIES. RE: TREATY

ON THE LAW OF TRADEMARKS.

DEAR SIRS.

IT IS THE SUBMISSION OF THE EXECUTIVE THAT THIS TREATY BE RATIFIED. WE SEE THE NEED FOR PROTECTION OF TRADEMARKS, WE AGREE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND NATIONAL INTEREST SUMMARY IN RELATION TO THIS AGREEMENT. AS ALWAYS WE ARE CONCERNED AT COSTS TO AUSTRALIA, BUT AS THIS TREATY IS FREE OF COSTS WE ARE HAPPY. IN RELATION TO THE NEED FOR A TREATY BY AUSTRALIA. IF WE ARE MEETING OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS SINGAPORE TREATY ON TRADEMARKS, THEN WHY THE NEED FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT. AS THE EXECUTIVE IS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS FIELD WE CANNOT MAKE EXPERT COMMENT ONLY TO SAY THAT AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS ARE OUR MAIN CONCERN, WE DO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND CO OPERATION BETWEEN NATIONS VIA AGREEMENTS SUCH AS THIS. THE EXECUTIVE WISH TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO COMMENT ON THIS TREATY.

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