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Agreement with WIPO in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, to be done at Geneva during December 2008

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 - (i) either House of the Parliament, or
 - (ii) a Minister; and

such other matters as may be referred to the committee by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and on such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.



List of abbreviations

ACMA	Australian Communications Media Authority
AIS	Aeronautical Identification System
ARSP	Australian Radiofrequency Spectrum Plan
EESS	Earth-exploration Satellite Service
GMDSS	Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
HAPS	High Altitude Platform Stations
IMT	International Mobile Telecommunications
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority
ISA	International Searching Authority
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
NIA	National Interest Analysis
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WRC-07	World Radiocommunications Conference 2007



List of recommendations

2 Partial Revision of the 2004 Radio Regulations, as incorporated in the International Telecommunication Union Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2007 (WRC-07)

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Partial Revision of the 2004 Radio Regulations, as incorporated in the International Telecommunication Union Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2007 (WRC-07)* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

3 Agreement with WIPO for the Australian Patent Office to function as an ISA and IPEA under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

