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## **Treaties Ratification Bill 2012**

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*(Mr Katter)*

**A Bill for an Act to provide for Parliament to  
approve the ratification of treaties, and for related  
purposes**



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2     **approve the ratification of treaties, and for related**  
3     **purposes**

4     The Parliament of Australia enacts:

5     **1 Short title**

6             This Act may be cited as the *Treaties Ratification Act 2012*.

7     **2 Commencement**

8             This Act commences on the day after this Act receives the Royal  
9             Assent.

1     **3 Definitions**

2                     In this Act:

3                     **ratify** a treaty means bring the treaty into force (whether directly or  
4                     indirectly).

5                     **treaty** means an agreement that is:

6                         (a) binding in international law; and

7                         (b) made between:

8                                 (i) Australia and one or more other countries; or

9                                 (ii) Australia and one or more international organisations.

10     **4 Parliament to approve ratification of treaties**

11                     The Governor-General must not ratify a treaty unless both Houses  
12                     of the Parliament have, by resolution, approved the ratification.