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

ATO Australian Taxation Office

AUKMIN Australia-United Kingdom Ministerial

CSC Convention for Safe Containers

FATCA Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act

IOPP International Oil Pollution Prevention

IRS Inland Revenue Service

MARPOL The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from

Ships

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NIA National Interest Analysis

OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

RIS Regulation Impact Statement

RO Recognised Organizations

SOLAS International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea

SPC South Pacific Commission

List of recommendations

2 Treaty between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Defence and Security Cooperation

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Treaty between the Government of Australia* and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern *Ireland for Defence and Security Cooperation* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.