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Agreement between Australia and the Republic of India on Social Security  
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Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1997 relating to the International  
Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the  
Protocol of 1978 relating thereto

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- a) matters arising from treaties and related National Interest Analyses and proposed treaty actions and related Explanatory Statements presented or deemed to be presented to the Parliament;
- b) any question relating to a treaty or other international instrument, whether or not negotiated to completion, referred to the committee by:
  - (i) either House of the Parliament, or
  - (ii) a Minister; and
  - (iii) 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

AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
DSS	Department of Social Services
ECA	Emission Control Areas
EEDI	Energy Efficiency Design Index
FPSOs	Floating Production, Storage and Offloading Facilities
FSUs	Floating Storage Units
GT	Gross Tonnage
IAPP	International Air Pollution Prevention
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IOPP	International Oil Pollution Prevention
ISM Code	International Safety Management Code
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
JSCOT	Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
L	Length
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas



MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978 + Protocol of 1997
MEPC	Marine Environment Protection Committee
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NIA	National Interest Analysis
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NOx	Nitrogen Oxide
RIS	Regulation Impact Statement
STCW	Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers Code
STCW Convention	Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers
SOLAS	Safety of Life at Sea



## List of recommendations

### **2 Agreement between Australia and the Republic of India on Social Security**

#### **Recommendation 1**

The Committee supports the *Agreement between Australia and the Republic of India on Social Security* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

### **3 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973**

#### **Recommendation 2**

The Committee supports the amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1997 relating to the *International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973*, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.