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

AFMA	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
AMSA	Australian Marine Safety Authority
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
BEPS	Base Erosion and Profit Shifting
CNG	Compressed natural gas
DAWR	Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
DIRD	Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
FFA	Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency
G20	Group of Twenty
IGF Code	<i>International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels</i>
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IUU	Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing
LNG	Liquefied natural gas
MARPOL	<i>International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships</i>
MEPC	Marine Environment Protection Committee
MSC	Maritime Safety Committee

NIA	National Interest Analysis
Niue Treaty	<i>Niue Treaty on Cooperation in Fisheries Surveillance and Law Enforcement in the South Pacific</i>
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Polar Code	<i>International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters</i>
POPS Act	<i>Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act</i>
PWOM	Polar Water Operational Manual
RIS	Regulation Impact Statement
Rotterdam Convention	<i>Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade</i>
SOLAS	<i>International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea</i>
STCW	<i>International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers</i>
UN	United Nations



List of recommendations

2 Agreement on Strengthening Implementation of the Niue Treaty on Cooperation in Fisheries Surveillance and Law Enforcement in the South Pacific Region

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Agreement on Strengthening Implementation of the Niue Treaty on Cooperation in Fisheries Surveillance and Law Enforcement in the South Pacific Region* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

3 Amendments to SOLAS and MARPOL

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code)* and the concomitant amendments to the *International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (SOLAS)* and to the *International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973* as modified by the Protocol of 1978 and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint fuels (IGF Code)* and the concomitant amendments to the *International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (SOLAS)*, the *International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973*, the *International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended*, and the *Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

4 Agreement between Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Elimination of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion and Avoidance

Recommendation 4

The Committee supports the *Agreement between Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Elimination of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion and Avoidance* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

