Minor Treaty Actions

Minor treaty actions (formerly referred to as 'Category 3' treaty actions) are identifiably minor treaty actions (mainly minor/technical amendments to existing treaties) which do not impact significantly on the national interest. Minor treaty actions are tabled with a one-page explanatory statement. The Treaties Committee has the discretion to formally inquire into these treaty actions or indicate its acceptance of them without a formal inquiry and report.

The following minor treaty actions have been considered by the Treaties Committee on the dates indicated. The Committee determined not to hold formal inquiries and agreed that binding treaty action on each one may be taken.

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Considered by the committee on 15 June 2020

- Amendments of 2018 to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.

Considered by the committee on 22 May 2020

- Charges to Schedule 1 of the Annex on Chemicals to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction.

Considered by the committee on 10 February 2020

- Amendment of the London Protocol to permit the export of CO2 streams for sub-seabed geosequestration as adopted in London on 30 October 2009, and to regulate ocean fertilisation for scientific research as adopted in London on 18 October 2013.

Considered by the committee on 2 December 2019

- 2019 Amendment to Annexes II, VIII and IX of the Basel Convention.
- 2019 Amendment to Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention.
- 2019 Amendment to Annex I of the International Convention against Doping in Sport.

Considered by the committee on 25 November 2019

- Agreement between the Government of Australia, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, the Kingdom of Thailand, the United States of America, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, pursuant to Article XIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, on the establishment of country-specific quotas in the Republic of Korea's World Trade Organization Tariff-Rate quota for Rice.

Considered by the committee on 16 September 2019

- Amendment to the Treaty on Extradition between Australia and Ireland;

- Acceptance of the accessions of Andorra, Armenia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Montenegro and Morocco to the Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters

45th Parliament

Considered by the committee on 1 April 2019

- 2018 amendments to Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocols of 1978 and 1997 relating thereto (MARPOL) MEPC.305(73)
- 2017 Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea Resolution MSC.421(98)
- 2018 Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea Resolution MSC.436(99)
- Adjustments to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer relating to the controlled substances on Annex C, Group I adopted at Quito on 9 November 2018

Considered by the committee on 11 February 2019

- 2018 Amendment to Annexes I and II of the International Convention against Doping in Sport;
- 2018 Amendments to the Annex to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments; and
- 2018 Amendments to Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto.

Considered by the committee on 26 November 2018

- Transposition of Annex 2 (Product Specific Rules) of the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area [2018] ATNIF 31

Considered by the committee on 25 June 2018

- Amendment to Annex I of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) of 19 June 2001.
- Amendments to the Annex of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocols of 1978 and 1997 relating thereto -Amendments to Annex VI (Designation of the Baltic Sea and the North Sea Emission Control Areas for NOx Tier III control); (Information to be included in the bunker delivery note) - Resolution MEPC.286(71) (7 July 2017)

Considered by the committee on 18 June 2018

- Protocol to Amend Annex 2 and Annex 5 of the Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement (Protocol)
- Fifth Protocol Establishing the Prolongation of the Treaty between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Australia on the Presence of Australian Personnel in the Netherlands for the Purpose of Responding to the Downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MHl 7 (Fifth Protocol) (2018] ATNIF 24

Considered by the committee on 26 March 2018

- Amendments to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 approved at Geneva on 9 June 2016;
- Amendment to Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade.

Considered by the committee on 4 December 2017

- Amendments to Annex I of the International Convention Against Doping in Sport, 2007.

Considered by the committee on 29 November 2017

- Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended Resolution MSC.404(96);
- Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended Resolution MSC.409(97);
- Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers {STCW}, 1978 as amended Resolution MSC. 416(97);
- Amendments to Part A of the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) Code Resolution MSC. 417(97).

Considered by the committee on 16 October 2017

- Amendments to the Annex of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto Amendments to MARPOL Annex I (Form B of the Supplement to the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate);
- Amendments to the Annex of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto Amendments to MARPOL Annex V (Substances that are Harmful to the Marine Environment and Form of Garbage Record Book);
- Amendments to the Annex of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the protocol of 1978 relating thereto Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Data collection system for fuel oil consumption of ships); and
- Amendment to the Agreement between the Government of Australia and 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.

Considered by the committee on 14 August 2017

- Lodgement of the Declaration on the Effective Date for the Exchange of Information under the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information;
- Lodgement of the Declaration on the Effective Date for Exchanges of Information Under the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on the Exchange of Country-by-Country Reports.

Considered by the committee on 19 June 2017

- Amendment to Annex 3 of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization;
- Fourth Protocol Establishing the Prolongation of the Treaty between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Australia on the Presence of Australian Personnel in the Netherlands for the Purpose of Responding to the Downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17.

Considered by the committee on 28 November 2016

- 2016 Amendment to Annex I of the International Convention Against Doping in Sport;
- Amendments to the Annex of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto (MARPOL) - Amendments to MARPOL Annex II Resolution MEPC.270(69) (London, 22 April 2016);
- Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto (MARPOL) – Amendments to regulation 13 of MARPOL Annex VI Resolution MEPC.271(69) (London, 22 April 2016);
- Amendments to the Annex of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto (MARPOL) – Amendments to MARPOL Annex IV Resolution MEPC.274(69) (London, 22 April 2016);
- Third Protocol Establishing the Prolongation of the Treaty between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Australia on the Presence of Australian Personnel in the Netherlands for the Purpose of Responding to the Downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17;
- Exchange of letters with Switzerland to bring forward the start of exchange of tax information.

44th Parliament

Considered by the committee on 2 May 2016

- Second Protocol Establishing the Prolongation of the Treaty between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Australia on the Presence of Australian Personnel in the Netherlands for the Purpose of Responding to the Downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17;
- Amendments to the Annex of the *International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto (MARPOL) – Amendments to regulation 12 of MARPOL Annex I* Resolution MEPC.266(68) (London, 15 May 2015);
- Amendment to Annex II of the *International Convention Against Doping in Sport* (Paris, 19 October 2015).

Considered by the committee on 29 February 2016

- Amendment to Annex III of the *Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade* (Geneva, 4-15 May 2015).

Considered by the committee on 23 November 2015

- Amendment to Annex 1 of the *Convention Against Doping in Sport* (Paris, 22 September 2015).

Considered by the committee on 15 June 2015

- *Amendment to Annex 1of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels;*
- 2015 Amendment to Annex G of the *Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Agreement* ('ANZCERTA') to effect the HS2012 transposition. (Canberra 28 March 2993).

Considered by the committee on 24 November 2014

- 2014 Amendment to Annex I of the International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005;
- 2014 Amendment to Annex II of the International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005.

Considered by the committee on 14 July 2014

- Amendment to Annex 15A (Government Procurement) of the Australian-Chile Free Trade Agreement.

Considered by the committee on 16 June 2014

- Amendments, adopted at London on 17 May 2013,to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 IMO Resolution MEPC.238(65) (London, 17 May 2013);

- Amendments, adopted at London on 21 June 2013, to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended IMO Resolution MSC.350(92) (London, 21 June 2013);
- Amendments, adopted at London on 21 June 2013, to Annex B to the Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as amended IMO Resolution MSC.356(92) (London, 21 June 2013);
- Amendments, adopted at London on 17 May 2013, to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 IMO Resolution MEPC.235(65) (London, 17 May 2013);
- Amendments, adopted at London on 17 May 2013, to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 IMO Resolution MEPC.236(65) (London, 17 May 2013);
- Amendments, adopted at London on 21 June 2013, to the International Convention for Safe Containers, 1972 IMO Resolution MSC.355(92) (London, 21 June 2013).

Considered by the committee on 12 May 2014

- Amendments, adopted by the 11th Conference of the Parties, to Annex IX of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal (Geneva, 6 May 2013);
- Amendment to the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission: Resolution, adopted by the Eighth Conference of the Pacific Community, on extending the territorial scope of the Pacific Community to include Timor-Leste (Suva, 19 November 2013).

Considered by the committee on 24 March 2014

- Amendments, adopted on 10 May 2013, to Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Geneva, 10 May 2013).

Considered by the committee on 10 December 2013

- 2013 Amendment to Annex I of the International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005.

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Considered by the committee on 24 June 2013

- Amendments, adopted at London on 30 November 2012, to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended IMO Resolution MSC.338(91), received 13 June 2013.

- Amendments, adopted at London on 30 November 2012, to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended IMO Resolution MSC.343(91), received 13 June 2013.
- Amendments, adopted at London on 30 November 2012, to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended IMO Resolution MSC.344(91), received 13 June 2013.
- Amendments, adopted at London on 30 November 2013, to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as amended IMO Resolution MSC.345(91), received 13 June 2013

Considered by the committee on 13 May 2013

- Amendment to Annex 3 of the 2007 Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation between Australia and the European Police Office (the Amending Agreement)

Considered by the committee on 18 March 2013

- Amendment of Australia's Schedule annexed to the Marrakesh Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994

Considered by the committee on 22 February 2013

- Amendment, adopted on 1 October 1999, to Article XIV.A of the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) (Resolution GC(43)/RES/8)

Considered by the committee on 26 November 2012

- 2012 Amendments to Annex I of the International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005,
- Amendments, adopted at London on 24 May 2012, to the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, as amended (Resolution MSC.329(90)); and
- Amendments, adopted at London on 24 May 2012, to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended (Resolution MSC.325(90))

Considered by the committee on 12 October 2012

- Amendments to the Schedule of the International Convention on the Regulation of Whaling
- MARPOL Resolution MEPC.216(63): Regional arrangements for port reception facilities under MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV and V
- MARPOL Resolution MEPC.217(63): Regional arrangements for port reception facilities under MARPOL Annex VI and Certification of marine diesel engines fitted with Selective Catalytic Reduction systems under the NOx Technical Code 2008

Considered by the committee on 1 June 2012

- Amendment, adopted at Lima on 27 April 2012, to Annex 1 of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) of 19 June 2001

Considered by the committee on 11 April 2012

- Amendment to Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade done at Rotterdam on 10 September 1998

Considered by the committee on 6 February 2012

- Amendment to Annex I of the International Convention Against Doping in Sport done at Paris on 19 October 2005 (amendment adopted on 16 November 2011)

Treaty tabled on 13 October 2011

Considered by the committee on 18 November 2011

- Resolution MEPC.202(62): Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention For The Prevention Of Pollution From Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, adopted at London on 15 July 2011

Treaty tabled on 20 September 2011

Considered by the committee on 24 October 2011

- International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946
  Notification of Amendments to the Schedule As amended by the Commission at the 63rd Annual Meeting Jersey, Channel Islands, July 2011

Treaties tabled on 10 February 2011

Considered by the committee on 1 March 2011

- Proposed Amendment to the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund on the Reform of the Executive Board - adopted by the IMF Board of Governors on 15 December 2010

Treaties tabled on 24 November 2010

Considered by the committee on 1 March 2011

- Amendments to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, done at Washington on 2 December 1946
- Amendments to the Plant Protection Agreement for the Asia and Pacific Region adopted in November 1999 by the FAO Council
- Amendment to Annex I of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005

- Amendment to Annex II of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005

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Treaties tabled on 15 March 2010

Considered by the committee on 15 June 2010

- Amendment to Annex I of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005
- Amendment to Annex II of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005

Treaty tabled on 24 February 2010

Considered by the committee on 9 March 2010

- Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to amend the Agreement concerning the Provision of Medical Treatment of 5 April 1991 (Canberra, 2 July 2009)

Treaty tabled on 25 November 2009

Considered by the committee on 2 February 2010

- Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as Modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto

Treaty tabled on 18 November 2009

Considered by the committee on 24 November 2009

- Amendment to the Convention Establishing a Customs Cooperation Council adopted at Brussels in 1952

Treaty tabled on 15 September 2009

Considered by the committee on 27 October 2009

- Amendment to Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (the Convention)

Treaties tabled on 20 August 2009

Considered by the committee on 8 September 2009

- Amendment, Adopted at Bergen in April/May 2009, to Annex 1 of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels of 19 June 2001
- Agreement to Amend the Agreement between Australia and the United States of America concerning Acquisition and Cross-Servicing of 9 December 1998, done at Washington on 30 July 2009

Treaties tabled on 4 December 2008

Considered by the committee on 3 February 2009

- Amendment, Adopted 17 November 2008, to Annex I of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005
- Amendment, Adopted 17 November 2008, to Annex II of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005

Treaties tabled on 26 August 2008

Considered by the committee on 23 September 2008

- Amendment to the Agreement on Social Security between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Chile of 25 March 2003
- Amendment, Adopted at Rome on 28 March 2008, to the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization of 5 February 1988, as Amended on 30 June 2002 and 30 November 2002
- Amendment to Annex 4.1 (Rules of Origin) of the Australia-Thailand Free Trade Agreement (TAFTA) of 5 July 2004

Treaties tabled on 17 June 2008

Considered by the committee on 2 September 2008

- Amendment, adopted 1 October 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005

Treaties tabled on 14 May 2008

Considered by the committee on 25 August 2008

- Amendment, Adopted at London in July 2007, to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code)

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Treaties tabled on 18 September 2007

Considered by the committee on 18 September 2007

- Amendments, Adopted at London in July 2007, to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL 73/78)

Treaties tabled on 15 August 2007

Considered by the committee on 11 September 2007

- Amendment, Adopted at Christchurch in November 2006, to Annex 1 of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) of 19 June 2001
- Amendments, done at Anchorage, Alaska 28-31 May 2007, to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, done at Washington on 2 December 1946
- Amendment, Adopted at Paris on 7 February 2007, to Annex 1 of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005
- Amendment to Annex 2-B (United States Tariff Schedule) of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA) of 18 May 2004