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- 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
- 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

AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
COSTAI	Collaboration in Science and Technology between Australia and Indonesia
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
Cth	Commonwealth
DEST	Department of Education, Science and Training
FaCSIA	Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
FECCA	Federation of Ethnic Communities' Council of Australia
IDEA	Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
IOM	International Organization for Migration
JSCFADT	Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
JSCOT	Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
MCCSA	Multicultural Communities' Council of South Australia
NIA	National Interest Analysis
PM&C	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
SCOT	Commonwealth-State/Territory Standing Committee on Treaties

SIRTAI	Collaboration in Science and Innovation, Research and Technology between Australia and Indonesia
US	United States of America

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List of recommendations

2 Agreement with the Republic of Indonesia for Cooperation in Scientific Research and Technological Development

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for Cooperation in Scientific Research and Technological Development, done at Jakarta on 11 July 2005 and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

3 Namibian War Graves Agreement

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Namibia and the Governments of Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the Treatment of War Graves of Members of the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth in the Territory of the Republic of Namibia and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

4 Social Security Agreement with the Kingdom of Norway

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *Agreement on Social Security between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway* (Canberra, 2 December 2005) and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

5 Agreement with the United States of America on Cooperation in Science and Technology for Homeland/Domestic Security Matters

Recommendation 4

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America on Cooperation in Science and Technology for Homeland/Domestic Security Matters* (Washington, 21 December 2005) and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

6 The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance Statutes (as amended at the extraordinary council meeting of International IDEA on 24 January 2006)

Recommendation 5

The Committee supports the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) Statutes (as amended at the Extraordinary Council meeting of International IDEA on 24 January 2006) and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

7 Amendments to the Constitution of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Recommendation 6

The Committee supports the *Amendments to the Constitution of the International Organization for Migration* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.