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Dr Andrew Southcott MP Committee Chair Joint Standing Committee on Treaties Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Southcott

Thank you for your letter of 16 May 2005 to the ACT Chief Minister, Mr Jon Stanhope MLA, regarding the proposed international agreements that are being reviewed by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties. As the Chief Minister is currently overseas I am responding on his behalf.

Your letter invited comment on the following international agreements tabled in Parliament on 11 May 2005:

- Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Korea on Cooperation in the Fields of Energy and Mineral Resources (Canberra, 30 August 2004);
- Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning the Use of Shoalwater Bay Training Area and the Use of Associated Facilities in Australia;
- Mutual Recognition Agreement on Conformity Assessment in Relation to Medicines Good Manufacturing Practice Inspection and Certification between the Government of Australia and the Government of Canada (Canberra, 16 March 2005);
- Amendments to Annex III [2005] ATS 9, and additional Annex VI [2005] ATNIF 5, to 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 (Geneva, 24 September 2004);
- Final Protocol and Partial Revision of the 2001 Radio Regulations, as incorporated in the International Telecommunication Union Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-03), done at Geneva on 4 July 2003; and

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• Measure 1 (2003) Secretariat of the Antarctic Treaty, adopted at Madrid, Spain on 20 June 2003, under the Antarctic Treaty, done at Washington on 1 December 1959.

The ACT will not be making a submission to the Committee on these matters at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the international agreements under inquiry.

Yours sincerely 17.6.05

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