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Resolution of Appointment

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- a) matters arising from treaties and related National Interest Analyses and proposed treaty actions 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
- 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

ABC	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
ACF	Australian Conservation Federation
ACMF	Australian Chicken Meat Federation
ACTU	Australian Council of Trade Unions
ADF	Australian Defence Force
AFTINET	Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network
ALIA	Australian Library and Information Association
AMWU	Australian Manufacturing Workers Union
ANZCERTA	Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APT	Asia Pacific Telecommunity
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asia Nations
ATFTA	Australia-Thailand Free Trade Agreement
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
AUSFTA	Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement

CDF	Chief of Defence Force
CERFTA	Closer Economic Relations Free Trade Agreement
CIE	Centre for International Economics
CKD	‘completely knocked down’
CRA	Commercial Radio Australia
CTC	Change in Tariff Classifications
DAFF	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
DCITA	Department of Communication, Information Technology and the Arts
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DoTARS	Department of Transport and Regional Services
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zones
FCAI	Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries
FOB	Free on Board
FSANZ	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HAL	Horticulture Australia Limited
HREOC	Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
ICFTU	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
ILO	International Labour Organisation
ITU	International Telecommunication Union

IUU	Illegal, unreported and unregulated
MAA	Agreement on Mutual Acceptance of Oenological Practices
MFN	Most Favoured Nation
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NPF	Nauru Police Force
NGO	Non Government Organisation
NIA	National Interest Analysis
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
PIC	Pacific Island Countries
PMVs	Passenger Motor Vehicles
RAMSI	Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands
RIS	Regulation Impact Statement
ROOs	Rules of Origin
RVC	Regional Value Content
SAFTA	Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement
SCOT	Standing Committee of Treaties
SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary
TAAF	French Southern and Antarctic waters
TAFTA	Thailand-Australia Free Trade Agreement
TBT	Technical Barriers to Trade
TCF	Textiles, clothing and footwear
TFIA	Council of Textiles and Fashion Industries of Australia Ltd
TRIPS	Trade Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
TRQ	Tariff Rate Quota

UAE	United Arab Emirates
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WCT	WIPO Copyright Theory
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organisation
WPPT	WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWTG	World Wine Trade Group



List of recommendations

2 Treaty with France concerning cooperation in maritime areas in the Southern Ocean

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Treaty between the Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic on cooperation in the maritime areas adjacent to the French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF), Heard Island and the McDonald Islands (Canberra, 24 November 2003)* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

3 Australia-Thailand Free Trade Agreement

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *Australia-Thailand Free Trade Agreement* and Associated Exchanges of Letters and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

4 Air Services Agreement with the United Arab Emirates

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Arab Emirates relating to Air Services (Dubai, 8 September 2002)* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

6 Agreement on Mutual Acceptance of Oenological Practices

Recommendation 4

The Committee supports the *Agreement on Mutual Acceptance of Oenological Practices (Toronto, 18 December 2001)* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

7 Amendments to the Constitution of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity

Recommendation 5

The Committee supports the *Constitution of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (Bangkok, 1976) as amended (Colombo, 1991) as amended in New Delhi in 2002* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

8 Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict

Recommendation 6

The Committee recommends that the Department of Defence ensure that the appropriate implementing mechanism for the *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (New York, 25 May 2000)* is readily available on the Department's website and through other means.

Recommendation 7

The Committee recommends that the Department of Defence include 'genuinely', 'fully' and 'informed' where appropriate in the implementing mechanism for the *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (New York, 25 May 2000)* so as to accurately reflect the treaty.

Recommendation 8

The Committee supports the *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (New York, 25 May 2000)* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken

9 WIPO Copyright Treaty, and Performances and Phonograms Treaty

Recommendation 9

The Committee supports the *WIPO Copyright Treaty, adopted by the Diplomatic Conference at Geneva on 20 December 1996* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

Recommendation 10

The Committee supports the *WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, adopted by the Diplomatic Conference at Geneva on 20 December 1996* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.