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

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

NIA National Interest Analysis

### List of recommendations

2 Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Finland on Social Security

**Recommendation 1** 

The Committee supports the *Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Finland on Social Security done at Helsinki, 10 September 2008 and* recommends that binding treaty action be taken.