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Amendments, done at St Kitts and Nevis in the Caribbean on 20 June 2006, to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, done at Washington on 2 December 1946

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia concerning the Transfer of Sentenced Persons, done at Canberra on 11 October 2006

Amendment to Annex 1 to the 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter

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

Council of Australian Governments
Commonwealth
Department of the Environment and Heritage
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Enhanced Coal Bed Methane
Enhance Oil Recovery
International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
Investment Protection and Promotion Agreements
International Transfer of Prisoners
International Whaling Commission
Japanese Research Program Antarctic
Liquefied Natural Gas
North American Free Trade Agreement
National Interest Analysis
Regulatory Impact Statement
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List of recommendations

2 Agreement with the United Mexican States on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments and Protocol

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Mexican States on the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments, and Protocol* (Mexico City, 23 August 2005) and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.