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Resolution of Appointment

The Resolution of Appointment of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties allows it to inquire into and report on:

- 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 recommendations

Two Air Services Agreements

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Air Services Agreement with Chile* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken. (Paragraph 2.19)

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *Air Services Agreement with the Cook Islands* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken. (Paragraph 2.20)

Agreement between Australia and the United States of America for the enforcement of maintenance (support) obligations

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America for the enforcement of maintenance (support) obligations and recommends that binding treaty action be taken. (Paragraph 3.22)

Convention for the suppression of the financing of terrorism

Recommendation 4

The Committee supports the *Convention on the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken. (Paragraph 5.23)

An amendment to the convention on the prohibitions or restrictions of certain conventional weapons

Recommendation 5

The Committee supports the Amendment to the *Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken. (Paragraph 6.14)

Agreement to promote compliance with international conservation and management measures by fishing vessels on the high seas

Recommendation 6

The Committee supports the Agreement to promote compliance with international conservation and management measures by fishing vessels on the high seas and recommends that binding treaty action be taken. (Paragraph 7.29)

Agreement establishing the International Organisation of Vine and Wine

Recommendation 7

In line with Article 1 of the *Agreement establishing the International Organisation of Vine and Wine*, which replaces the Office with the new Organisation, the Committee supports the withdrawal of Australia from the International Vine and Wine Office. (Paragraph 8.18)

Recommendation 8

The Committee supports the *Agreement establishing the International Organisation of Vine and Wine* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken. (Paragraph 8.19)