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- 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

ACMA	Australian Communications and Media Authority
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
AUSTRAC	Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
ESA	European Space Agency
FaHCSIA	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
GST	Goods and Services Tax
IMO	International Maritime Organization
MARPOL	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
MEPC	Marine Environment Protection Committee
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NIA	National Interest Analysis
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

RIS	Regulation Impact Statement
SIAD	Supersonic Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator
TIEAs	Tax Information Exchange Agreements
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
US	United States

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List of recommendations

2 Resolution MEPC.200(62): Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (Special Area Provisions and the Designation of the Baltic Sea as a Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV) Adopted at London on 15 July 2011

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Resolution MEPC.200(62): Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (Special Area Provisions and the Designation of the Baltic Sea as a Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV) Adopted at London on 15 July 2011* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

3 Agreement between the Government of Australia and the European Space Agency for a Co-operative Space Vehicle Tracking Program Done at Cape Town on 5 October 2011

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the European Space Agency for a Co operative Space Vehicle Tracking Program done at Cape Town on 5 October 2011* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

4 Revised MARPOL Annex V: Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships (Resolution MEPC.201(62)) Adopted at London on 15 July 2011

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *Revised MARPOL Annex V: Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships (Resolution MEPC.201(62)) adopted at London on 15 July 2011* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

5 Tax Information Exchange Agreements with:

- the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein;
- the Government of Costa Rica;
- the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China; and
- the Government of Liberia.

Recommendation 4

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein on the Exchange of Information on Taxes done at Vaduz on 21 June 2011* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

Recommendation 5

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Costa Rica on the Exchange of Information with Respect to Taxes done at Mexico City on 1 July 2011* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

Recommendation 6

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China for the Exchange of Information Relating to Taxes done at Macao on 12 July 2011* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

Recommendation 7

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Liberia on the Exchange of Information with Respect to Taxes done at Monrovia on 11 August 2011* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

6 Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Latvia on Social Security

Recommendation 8

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7 Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement to extend the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America concerning the Conduct of Scientific Balloon Flights for Civil Research Purposes of 16 February 2006

Recommendation 9

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