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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 abbreviations

AAT	Administrative Appeals Tribunal
AMA	Australian Medical Association
ANZCERTA	Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement
ASMI	Australian Self-Medication Industry
DTCA	Direct-to-consumer advertising
FCTC	Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
FOI	Freedom of Information
NGO	Non Government Organisation
NDPSC	National Drugs and Poisons Scheduling Committee
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Centre
NIA	National Interest Analysis
R&D	Research and Development
RIS	Regulation Impact Statement
SCOT	Standing Committee on Treaties
TFI	Tobacco Free Initiative

TGA Therapeutic Goods Administration

TTMRA Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition Arrangement

WHO World Health Organization

List of recommendations

2 Agreement with New Zealand concerning the establishment of a Joint Scheme for the Regulation of Therapeutic Products

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand for the Establishment of a Joint Scheme for the regulation of Therapeutic Products and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

3 World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.