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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON TREATIES.RE: TREATY
ON TOURISM IN THE ANTARCTIC
DEAR SIRs.

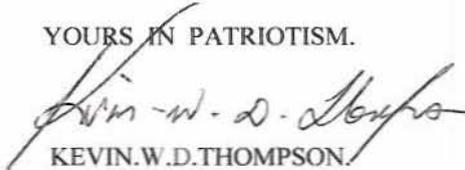
IT IS THE SUBMISSION OF THE EXECUTIVE THAT THIS TREATY BE RATIFIED, .WE FULLY SUPPORT THE NEED OF PROTECTION OF THE ANTARCTIC REGION ,I WILL RELATE TO THE THOUGHTS OF THE EXECUTIVE CONCERNING MEASURE 1 , MEASURE 4, AND THE MEASURE 15 IN THIS SUBMISSION IN RELATION TO THE ANTARCTIC. THE EXECUTIVE SUPPORT THE FINDINGS IN THE OVERVIEW AND NATIONAL SUMMARY OF ALL THREE MEASURES . WE SEE THE URGENT NEED TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT IN THIS AND OTHERS AREAS RELATING TO THE ANTARCTIC , ARTICLE 9. SPEAKS OF EMERGENCIES PROTECTION WE FULLY AGREE THAT THESE MEASURES ARE PUT INTO EFFECT. WE DONT SEE AN ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM IN PLACE FOR THE ANTARCTIC SAFETY , HOW DO WE ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE REGION FROM AUSTRALIA . WHAT WE CALL FOR IS THE SETTING UP OF A FEDERAL COAST GUARD TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS IN THE REGION . RESPONDING TO ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PREVENT THEM. MEASURE 4. SPEAKS OF ENSUREING THE NEED FOR NON GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES TO BE SUFFICIENT IN SAFETY , SEARCH AND IN RESCUE . WE SAY LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE INTO THIS ENVIRONMENT IN THE FIRST PLACE. THE ANTARCTIC SHOULD NOT BE FOR TOURISM, ONLY THOSE WHO NEED TO BE IN THE REGION SHOULD BE ALLOWED . STUPID PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO GET INTO TROUBLE , ALWAYS AT TAXPAYERS EXPENSE. MEASURE 15. PEOPLE

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LANDING FROM PASSENGER VESSELS, PASSENGERS SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ALIGHT FROM TOURIST VESSELS IN THE ANTARCTIC REGION. ANY VESSEL CARRYING FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE COULD SINK AND CAUSE A MASSIVE RESCUE HEADACHE, EVEN VESSELS CARRYING FEWER PEOPLE COULD HAVE A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THE ANTARCTIC REGION. IT IS THE SUBMISSION OF THE EXECUTIVE THAT TOURISM IN THE REGION NOT TO BE ALLOWED BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT. PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE. THE EXECUTIVE WISH TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO COMMENT ON THESE TREATIES.

YOURS IN PATRIOTISM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W.D. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and 'T'.

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