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UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime, and two supplementary protocols on trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants

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Terms of reference

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 - (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

AFFA	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Australia
AFP	Australian Federal Police
AHA	Animal Health Australia
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
APMC	Australian Police Ministers' Council
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
ATC	Australian Transport Council
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
BSE	Bovine spongiform encephalopathy
CFCs	Chlorofluorocarbons
DIMIA	Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs
DITR	Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources
DOTARS	Department of Transport and Regional Services
FMD	Foot and mouth disease
HOCOLEA	Head of Commonwealth Operational Law Enforcement Agencies
IMO	International Maritime Organization

IOM	International Organization for Migration
ISO	International Standards Organization
IVB	International Vaccine Bank
MARPOL 73/78	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, done in 1973 and amended in 1978
MOU	Memoranda of Understanding
NIA	National Interest Analysis
NOx	Nitrogen oxide
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
ODS	Ozone depleting substances
RIS	Regulation Impact Statement
SCOT	Standing Committee on Treaties
SOx	Sulphur oxide
TiP Protocol	Protocol against Trafficking in Persons (supplementary to the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime)
TOC Convention	United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
VOCs	Volatile organic compounds



List of recommendations

Civil registry documentation — Italy

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Exchange of letters constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Italian Republic on the Civil Registry Documentation to be submitted by Australian Citizens Wishing to Marry in Italy, done at Rome on 10 February and 11 April 2000* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

Withdrawal from the International Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccine Bank

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the proposed treaty action for Australia to denounce the *Agreement Establishing an International Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccine Bank, done at London 26 June 1985*, and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

1997 Protocol to amend the Maritime Pollution Convention (MARPOL 73/78)

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships of 2 November 1973, as Modified by the Protocol of 17 February 1978, done at London, 26 September 1997*, and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, November 2000, and Protocols on Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants

Recommendation 4

The Committee supports the *United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime, done at New York on 15 November 2000*, the *Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime*, and the *Protocol Against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air (People Smuggling Protocol), supplementing the UN Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime*, and recommends that binding treaty action be taken in all three cases.

