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Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Arab Emirates on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (Abu Dhabi, 31 July 2012)

2013 Amendment to Annex I of the International Convention Against Doping in Sport of 19 October 2005

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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

ACF Australian Conservation Foundation

ASNO Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office

IAB International Advisory Board

IAEA International Atomic Energy Agency

NIA National Interest Analysis

RIS Regulation Impact Statement

UAE United Arab Emirates

UNESCO United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization

WADA World Anti-Doping Agency

List of recommendations

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Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that, prior to ratification of the proposed Treaty, the IAEA undertake physical inspections of UAE facilities that will handle Australian obligated nuclear materials.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Government report to the Parliament on what action it has taken to implement the recommendations of the *United Nations System Wide Study on the Implications of the Accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant.*

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the Government explore and report to Parliament on mechanisms to strengthen the resourcing of the IAEA.

Recommendation 4

Subject to the above recommendations, the Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Arab Emirates on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.