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**NATIONAL
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON TREATIES.

RE: TREATY ON PATENT LAW.

GENEVA .

DEAR SIRs.

IT IS THE SUBMISSION OF THE EXECUTIVE THAT THIS TREATY BE RATIFIED, THE EXECUTIVE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR THIS TREATY IF THE LEGISLATION AND PRACTICES OF AUSTRALIA ARE IN LINE WITH THE PLT. HOWEVER WE SEE NO REASON WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE IN PLACE. WE DO NOTE THAT A RECENT TREATY BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) ON MEDICINES STATED THAT THEY COULD TAKE CONTROL OF A PATENT . IF THIS IS THE CASE . THEN WHAT PROTECTION DOES THIS TREATY AFFORD , IF ANY. THE EXECUTIVE SUPPORT ALL INTERNATIONAL CO OPERATION BETWEEN NATIONS , WHILE PROTECTING SOVEREIGNTY OF AUSTRALIA . WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT TREATIES ARE ONLY IN EFFECT IF THEY ARE IN LINE WITH DOMESTIC LAW. IF THIS IS TRUE THEN MOST TREATIES ARE ONLY A SUGGESTION AT BEST WITH NO LEGAL STATUS. INTERNATIONAL LAW OVERRIDES ALL DOMESTIC LAW , OR SHOULD . THE EXECUTIVE ALSO KNOW THAT ONLY A STATE CAN MAKE A COMPLAINT TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT , IF THIS IS ALSO FACT, WHAT RIGHTS UNDER THIS TREATY OFFER PROTECTION TO THE INDIVIDUAL . ANSWER IS NONE . THE EXECUTIVE WISH TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO COMMENT.

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