

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TREATIES Treaties tabled 9, 10 and 16 March 2010 Issued 19 March 2010

Chair: Mr Kelvin Thomson MP

Treaties Committee to examine three new treaties

Federal Parliament's Treaties Committee has commenced an inquiry into three treaties tabled in the Parliament on 9, 10 and 16 March 2010.

The treaties cover social security agreements with the Czech Republic and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and an amendment to the Australia – New Zealand Joint Food Standard System.

Organisations and members of the public with an interest in these treaties are encouraged to make a submission to the Committee. Submissions are requested by Friday, 9 April 2010.

The treaties being examined by the Committee are the:

- Agreement between Australia and the Czech Republic on Social Security;
- Exchange of Letters Amending the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand Concerning a Joint Food Standards System; and
- Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on Social Security.

Copies of the National Interest Analysis and treaty text for each treaty are available at <u>www.aph.gov.au/jsct</u>. Alternatively, interested parties may email <u>jsct@aph.gov.au</u> or phone (02) 6277 4002.

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