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Arms Trade Treaty (New York, 2 April 2013)

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay on the Exchange of Information with Respect to Taxes (Montevideo, 10 December 2012)

Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Canberra, 26 June 2013)

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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

ACIAR Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research

ANSTO Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation

ARC Australian Research Council

ATO Australian Taxation Office

AUSTRAC Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre

CSIRO Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

DFAT Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

FNCA Forum for Nuclear Cooperation in Asia

MOU Memoranda of Understanding

NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NIA National Interest Analysis

OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

RIS Regulation Impact Statement

UNGA United Nations General Assembly

UNSCAR United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms

Regulations

List of recommendations

2 Convention between Australia and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Convention between Australia and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

3 Arms Trade Treaty

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *Arms Trade Treaty (New York, 2 April 2013)* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

4 Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay on the Exchange of Information with Respect to Taxes

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay on the Exchange of Information with Respect to Taxes* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

5 Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Recommendation 4

The Committee supports the *Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia to amend the Agreement concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communication Facilities of 29 May 1980, as amended

Recommendation 5

The Committee supports the Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia to amend the Agreement concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communication Facilities and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.