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Australia's withdrawal from the World Tourism Organization (WTO) Statutes (Mexico City, 27 September 1970)

Resolution A.1070(28) IMO Instrument Implementation Code (III Code) (London, 4 December 2013) and amendments to relevant IMO Conventions

Protocol Establishing the Prolongation of the Treaty between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Australia on the Presence of Australian Personnel in the Netherlands for the Purpose of Responding to the Downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17

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- b) any question relating to a treaty or other international instrument, whether or not negotiated to completion, referred to the committee by:
 - (i) either House of the Parliament; or
 - (ii) a Minister.
- 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

AMSA Australian Maritime Safety Authority

APEC Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation

DFAT Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

ExCo Executive Council

GDP Gross Domestic Product

IMO Instrument Implementation Code

IOPI Act International Organisations Privileges and Immunities Act

JSCOT Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

NIA National Interest Analysis

NIE National Interest Exemption

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

RIS Regulation Impact Statement

SOLAS Safety of Life at Sea

UN United Nations

UNWTO United Nations World Tourism Organization

WTO World Tourism Organization

List of recommendations

2 World Tourism Organization Statutes

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the withdrawal of Australia from the *World Tourism Organization (WTO) Statutes*.

3 International Maritime Organization Instrument Implementation Code Recommendation 2

The Committee supports Resolution A.1070 (28) IMO Instruments Implementation Code, amendments to relevant IMO Conventions and amendments to the *International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

4 Protocol establishing prolongation of the treaty between Australia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands regarding Malaysia Airlines flight MH17

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *Protocol Establishing the Prolongation of the Treaty between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Australia on the Presence of Australian Personnel in the Netherlands for the Purpose of Responding to the Downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.