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the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Sydney, 2 July 2014)**

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Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization  
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## **Resolution of Appointment**

The Resolution of Appointment of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties allows it to inquire into and report on:

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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; and

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

AANZFTA	Australia and New Zealand Free Trade Agreement
ACBPS	Australian Customs and Border Protection Service
ACCI	Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
AFGC	Australian Food and Grocery Council
AFP	Australian Federal Police
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATF	Agreement on Trade Facilitation
CCES	Centre for Customs and Excise Studies
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
COO	Certificates of Origin
CTC	Change in Tariff Classification
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
FOB	Free-on-Board
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
HS	Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System
IFIS	Imported Food Inspections Scheme



IGAB	Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity
JSCOT	Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
MFN	Most Favoured Nation
NIA	National Interest Analysis
OCP	Operational Certification Procedures
PSR	Product Specific Rules
RIS	Regulation Impact Statement
ROO	Rules of Origin
RVC	Regional Value Content
SPS	<i>Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures</i>
TBT	<i>Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade</i>
USD	United States Dollars
WCO	World Customs Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization



## List of recommendations

### **2 World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Trade Facilitation**

#### **Recommendation 1**

The Committee supports the World Trade Organization *Agreement on Trade Facilitation: Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization* (including the *Agreement on Trade Facilitation* annexed to that Protocol) and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

### **3 First Protocol to Amend the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN–Australia–New Zealand Free Trade Area**

#### **Recommendation 2**

The Committee supports the *First Protocol to Amend the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN–Australia–New Zealand Free Trade Area* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

### **4 Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between Australia and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

#### **Recommendation 3**

The Committee supports the *Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between Australia and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

