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 - (i) either House of the Parliament;
 - (ii) a Minister; or
 - (iii) 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

CA Council of Administration

COAG Council of Australian Governments

DFAT Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

EU European Union

GNI Gross National Income

NIA National Interest Analysis

POC Postal Operations Council

PPSA Postal Payment Services Agreement

RIS Regulation Impact Statement

UN United Nations

UPU Universal Postal Union

List of recommendations

2 Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

3 Agreement between Australia and the European Union Establishing a Framework for the Participation of Australia in European Union Crisis Management Operations

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *Agreement between Australia and the European Union Establishing a Framework for the Participation of Australia in European Union Crisis Management Operations* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

4 Ratification of the Decisions of the 2012 Doha Congress: Universal Postal Union: General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union, Universal Postal Convention, Final Protocol of the Universal Postal Convention and Postal Payment Services Agreement

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the Ratification of the Decisions of the 2012 Doha Congress: *Universal Postal Union: General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union, Universal Postal Convention, Final Protocol of the Universal Postal Convention* and *Postal Payment Services Agreement* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.