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Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on the Exchange of Information with respect to Taxes (Bandar Seri Begawan, 6 August 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

AFMA Australian Fisheries Management Authority

AFZ Australian Fishing Zone

ATO Australian Taxation Office

ATSB Australian Transport Safety Board

AUSTRAC Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre

BRIICS Brazil, Russia, India, Indonesia, China and South Africa

CASA Civil Aviation Safety Authority

DFAT Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

EU European Union

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organisation

IUU Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing

fishing

MOU Memoranda of Understanding

NIA National Interest Analysis

OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

RFMO Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

RIS Regulation Impact Statement

RPOA Regional Plan of Action to Promote Responsible Fishing Practices

including Combating Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing in

South East Asia

WWTG World Wine Trade Group

List of recommendations

2 Air Service Agreements with Serbia and Vanuatu

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Air Services Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Serbia* and the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu relating to Air Services,* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

3 Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Croatia relating to Air Services

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Croatia relating to Air Services,* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

4 Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

5 Protocol to the 2007 World Wine Trade Group Agreement on Requirements for Wine Labelling Concerning Alcohol Tolerance, Vintage, Variety, and Wine Regions

Recommendation 4

The Committee supports the *Protocol to the 2007 World Wine Trade Group Agreement on Requirements for Wine Labelling Concerning Alcohol Tolerance, Vintage, Variety, and Wine Region* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

6 Two Tax Information Exchange Agreements

Recommendation 5

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of*Australia and the Government of the Republic of Guatemala for the Exchange of
Information Relating to Tax Matters and the Agreement between the
Government of Australia and the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and
Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam on the Exchange of Information with
respect to Taxes, and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.