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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:

- a) matters arising from treaties and related National Interest Analyses and proposed treaty actions presented or deemed to be presented to the Parliament;
- 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
- 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

ACTU	Australian Council of Trade Unions
AMOU	Australian Maritime Officers Union
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DITR	Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
FLNG	Floating Liquefied Natural Gas
ICJ	International Court of Justice
IUA	International Unitisation Agreement
JPDA	Joint Petroleum Development Area
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NIA	National Interest Analysis
NM	Nautical Miles
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety

PSC	Production Sharing Contract
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNTAET	United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor
ZOC	Zone of Cooperation
ZOCA	Zone of Cooperation Area A



## **List of recommendations**

### **Recommendation 1**

The Committee supports the Timor Sea Treaty and recommends that binding treaty action be taken. (Paragraph 4.61)

### **Recommendation 2**

The Committee recommends that the Government of Australia use its best endeavours in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Dili on 20 May 2002 to conclude the International Unitisation Agreement for the Greater Sunrise fields on or before the date on which the Timor Sea Treaty is ratified and in any event before 31 December 2002 as this would serve the best interests of both nations. (Paragraph 4.62)

### **Recommendation 3**

The Committee urges the Government of Australia to use its presence on the administrative agencies of the Joint Petroleum Development Area to ensure that the occupational health and safety and environmental standards that prevail in the JPDA are equivalent or superior to those applying in Australian jurisdiction. (Paragraph 5.41)

