



## Treaties Committee to examine five new treaties

Federal Parliament's Treaties Committee has commenced an inquiry into five treaties tabled in the Parliament on 25 and 26 November 2009. Organisations and members of the public with an interest in these treaties are encouraged to make a submission to the Committee. Submissions are requested by Friday, 15 January 2010.

The treaties cover a diverse range of subjects, including: the conservation of migratory species, a social security agreement with Poland, cooperation with Lebanon on the protection of children, a taxation agreement with Singapore, and a treaty with India on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

The treaties being examined by the Committee are the:

- Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Lebanon regarding Cooperation on Protecting the Welfare of Children;
- Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Poland on Social Security;
- Amendments, done at Rome, Italy on 5 December 2008, to Appendices I and II of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals;
- Second Protocol amending the Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income as amended by the Protocol of 16 October 1989; and
- Treaty between Australia and the Republic of India on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.

The Committee will conduct public hearings into these treaties in early 2010.

Copies of the National Interest Analysis and treaty text for each treaty are available at [www.aph.gov.au/jsct](http://www.aph.gov.au/jsct). Alternatively, email [jsct@aph.gov.au](mailto:jsct@aph.gov.au) or phone (02) 6277 4002.

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