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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON TREATIES. RE: TREATY ON
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN AUST & SOUTH AFRICA.

DEAR SIRs.

IT IS THE SUBMISSION OF THIS EXECUTIVE THAT THIS TREATY BE RATIFIED, WE FULLY SUPPORT TIES TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. WE SUPPORT THE FINDINGS OF THE NATIONAL INTEREST SUMMARY IN RELATION TO THIS TREATY. COSTS TO AUSTRALIAN TAXPAYERS IS ALWAYS OF A CONCERN TO US. HOWEVER WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT IN RELATION TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COSTS WILL ALWAYS BE A FACTOR. WE DO SUPPORT THE STATEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION VIA EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS, AND RESEARCH WORKERS AS BEING OF A BENEFIT TO BOTH NATIONS. AS WE HAVE STATED IN PAST SUBMISSIONS, WE SUPPORT CO OPERATION BETWEEN NATIONS, NOT CONTROL, OR OWNERSHIP. THE EXECUTIVE HAVE THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE. AS WE CANNOT ADD ANY MORE INPUT TO THIS AGREEMENT WE THE EXECUTIVE WISH TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO COMMENT ON THIS TREATY.

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