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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON TREATIES. RE: TREATY
ADDITIONAL DISTINCTIVE
EMBLEMS.

DEAR SIRs.

IT IS THE SUBMISSION OF THIS EXECUTIVE THAT THIS TREATY BE RATIFIED. WE THE EXECUTIVE FULLY SUPPORT THE URGENT NEED TO PROTECT THE HUMANITARIAN WORKERS IN THE WAR ZONES AND COUNTRIES FACING ARMED CONFLICT. WE ALSO SUPPORT THE NEED FOR THE ISRAEL BASED GROUP KNOWN AS MAGEN DAVID ADOM TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THIS PROTECTION. PROTOCOL 11 ASKS THAT AUSTRALIA SUPPORT AND RESPECT THIS TREATY. AUSTRALIA LEADS THE WORLD IN THIS FIELD. OUR TROOPS OVERSEAS ARE OFTEN USED FOR HUMANITARIAN WORK , THE EXECUTIVE DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ASK VIA A PROTOCOL FOR US TO UHOLD THIS TREATY. AUSTRALIA IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT AND A SHINING LIGHT TO THE WORLD ON HUMAN RIGHTS , WE THE EXECUTIVE NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF THE USE OF THE RED CROSS EMBLEM , AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT USE THE NEW EMBLEM HERE. THE QUESTION SHOULD NOT NEED TO GO TO TREATY . AUSTRALIA IS PARTY TO THE GENEVA CONVENTION AND OTHER UNITED NATION CONVENTIONS , WHICH THIS EXECUTIVE ALSO SUPPORT. WE WISH TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO COMMENT ON THIS TREATY.

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