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The Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Suite R1 – 116
Parliament House
Canberra, ACT, 2600

Dear Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of the Justice and International Mission Unit of the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria, to express our support for the "*Amendments to Article I of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects*" (CCW) that will expand the scope of the CCW to non-international armed conflicts. We believe these amendments should be accepted by Australia.

We welcome the Australian Government's active role in the second review conference of the CCW in December 2001.

The Uniting Church in Australia has stated its commitment to be a peace-making body that is committed to work towards general and complete disarmament. The Justice and International Mission Unit sees international agreements such as the CCW as small steps along the way to achieving a world where peace is the norm and there is no recourse to armed conflict.

Yours sincerely,

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Letter in support of
amendment...

Dear Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of Rev David Pargeter to make the following submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties regarding the Amendment to the 'Convention on the prohibitions or restrictions on the use of certain conventional weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects'.

Could you please confirm that you have received the submission and had no trouble opening the file.

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Yours sincerely,

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