



Treaties Committee to examine four new treaties

Federal Parliament's Treaties Committee has commenced an inquiry into four treaties tabled in the Parliament on 2 and 4 February 2010. 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, 26 February 2010.

The treaties cover a diverse range of subjects, including: an extradition treaty with India, amendments to the Antarctic Treaty, amendments to an agreement with the United States concerning space vehicle tracking and communications facilities, and the International Renewable Energy Agency.

The treaties being examined by the Committee are:

- Measure 16 (2009) Amendment to Annex II to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty;
- Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia to amend the Agreement concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communications Facilities of 29 May 1980, as amended;
- Extradition Treaty between Australia and the Republic of India; and
- Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

The Committee will conduct public hearings into these treaties on 22 February 2010 and 15 March 2010.

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

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