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## **Resolution of Appointment**

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- a) matters arising from treaties and related National Interest Analyses and proposed treaty actions presented or deemed to be presented to the Parliament
- b) any question relating to a treaty or other international instrument, whether or not negotiated to completion, referred to the Committee by:
  - (i) either House of the Parliament, or
  - (ii) a Minister; and
- c) such other matters as may be referred to the Committee by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and on such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.





## List of abbreviations

ACFOA	Australian Council for Overseas Aid
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
DCITA	Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DITR	Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources
EB	Executive Board
IEE	Independent External Evaluation
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFI	International Financial Institution
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
JSCOT	Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
NIA	National Interest Analysis
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
VCA	Vietnamese Community in Australia
VCCR	Vienna Convention on Consular Relations
WFP	World Food Programme
WTO	World Tourism Organization



## List of recommendations

### Consular Agreement between Australia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

#### Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Consular Agreement between Australia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

### World Tourism Organization Statutes

#### Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *World Tourism Organization (WTO) Statutes* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

### 2002 Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union

#### Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *Instruments Amending the Constitution and the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992) as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Minneapolis, 1998) (Marrakesh, 18 October 2002)* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

## **Withdrawal from the International Fund for Agricultural Development**

### **Recommendation 4**

The Committee recommends that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade immediately investigate whether the remarks in paragraph 5.65 were made by Departmental officials and clarify whether this is the Department's approach to treaty making.

### **Recommendation 5**

The Committee supports Australia's proposed withdrawal from the *Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

