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Resolution of appointment

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- 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

ACF	Australian Conservation Foundation
ACFID	Australian Council for International Development
ADF	Australian Defence Force
AFP	Australian Federal Police
ANSTO	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation
ASNO	Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
Cth	Commonwealth
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
JSCOT	Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NIA	National Interest Analysis
NSW	New South Wales
TNI	Tentara Nasional Indonesia



List of recommendations

3 A broad consideration of the Agreement

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Australia Government continue to address widely expressed concerns about human rights in Indonesia with the Indonesian Government and in appropriate international fora.

4 Cooperation provisions of the Agreement

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government increase transparency in defence cooperation agreements to provide assurance that Australian resources do not directly or indirectly support human rights abuses in Indonesia.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government encourage the Indonesian Government to allow greater access for the media and human rights monitors in Papua.

5 Conclusion and recommendations

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the Australian Government engage in a campaign to increase public support for the Australia - Indonesia relationship. This campaign would have the goal of increasing awareness of the democratic reforms in Indonesia and the value to Australian security of strong relations with Indonesia.

Recommendation 5

The Committee supports the *Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Indonesia on the Framework for Security Cooperation (Mataram, Lombok, 13 November 2006)* and recommends binding treaty action be taken.

