



Treaties Committee to review regional piracy treaty

The Federal Parliament’s Treaties Committee will examine the *Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP)* at a public hearing in Canberra on Monday, 29 October 2012.

ReCAAP is the first regional government-to-government agreement to promote and enhance cooperation against piracy and armed robbery in Asia. Subject to national laws, member countries must make every effort to take effective measures to prevent piracy and armed robbery against ships, arrest offenders and rescue victims. Members must also endeavour to extradite pirates at the request of another member state.

“Accession to ReCAAP would enable Australian maritime authorities to draw on the experience and expertise offered by this forum to promote a broader focus on piracy and robbery”, Committee chair, Mr Kelvin Thomson MP, said.

“Access to information sharing arrangements under ReCAAP will also assist in lessening the risk of piracy incidents.”

The Committee will also examine three other treaties as listed below.

**Public Hearing: Monday 29 October 2012, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House
Canberra**

- 9.15am** Partial Revision of the 2008 Radio Regulations, as incorporated in the International Telecommunication Union Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) done at Geneva on 17 February 2012
- 9.45am** Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (Tokyo, 11 November 2004)
- 10.30am** Treaty between Australia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Extradition done at Canberra on 10 April 2012
- 11.15am** Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Kingdom of Spain for the Mutual Protection of Classified Information of Defence Interest done at Madrid on 17 November 2011

The hearing will be broadcast through: www.aph.gov.au/live

Copies of the treaties and submissions received can be found at: http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jsct/under_review.htm.

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