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Resolution of appointment

The Resolution of Appointment of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties allows it to inquire into and report on:

- 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 recommendations

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Exchange of Letters, done at Hanoi on 1 November 2000 and Canberra on 5 August 2002, constituting an Agreement to amend the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, done at Hanoi on 13 April 1992, as amended by an Exchange of Notes done at Canberra on 22 November 1996* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken. (Paragraph 2.21)

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that, where proposed treaty actions seek to amend existing international taxation arrangements, the costs and benefits of past tax treaty arrangements be included in the National Interest Analysis. (Paragraph 2.22)

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *Exchange of Letters between Australia and the Republic of Ireland constituting an agreement to amend the 1997 Agreement on Medical Treatment for Temporary Visitors, done at Canberra on 30 July 2002* and recommends binding treaty action be taken. (Paragraph 3.17)

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that future National Interest Analyses list all agencies consulted in relation to the proposed treaty action. (Paragraph 3.18)

Recommendation 5

The Committee supports the *Third Agreement to Extend the 1987 Regional Co-operative Agreement for Research, Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken. (Paragraph 4.22)

