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Mr Kelvin Thomson MP
Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Thomson

Kevin
RE: Treaties tabled on 2, 4 & 24 February 2010

Thank you for your letters of 4 February and 24 February 2010 inviting comments on the following treaties under consideration by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (the Committee):

- *Extradition Treaty between Australia and the Republic of India (Canberra, 23 January 2008);*
- *Measure 16 (2009) Amendment of Annex II to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty (1998) (Baltimore, 17 April 2009);*
- *Amendment and extension of the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communications Facilities effected by exchange of notes at Canberra May 29, 1980, as amended;*
- *Agreement Concerning the Provision of Health Care between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia (Canberra, 11 March);*
- *Agreement on Cooperative Enforcement of Fisheries Laws between the Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic in the Maritime Areas Adjacent to the French Southern and Antarctic Territories, Heard Island the McDonald Islands (Paris, 8 January 2007); and*
- *Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) (Bonn, 26 January 2009).*

The ACT will not be making submissions to the Committee in relation to the first five treaties.

Regarding the *Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)*, the ACT highlights the importance of an interface for states and territories to interact with

the Commonwealth Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism, to utilise the resources of the International Renewable Energy Agency.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these international agreements under inquiry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Stanhope". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Chief Minister

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