



New emblem for Red Cross and amendment to extradition treaty with Hong Kong

The adoption of a non-religious Red Crystal emblem in addition to the Red Cross and Red Crescent will be among the issues discussed by the Treaties Committee at a public hearing into eight treaties in parliament house on Monday 18 June.

The Red Cross/Crescent Movement has adopted a new emblem known as 'the Red Crystal'. This emblem, devoid of any religious, political and ethnic connotations is designed to increase the universality of the movement and is expected to be of immeasurable benefit in combat zones in helping secure the safety of humanitarian workers from all countries regardless of their location or political situation.

The Committee will also consider an amendment to Australia's extradition treaty with Hong Kong which requires the 'no evidence' standard to apply for extradition requests by Hong Kong. Extradition requests by Australia will remain at a level where the information contained in the request would, in accordance with Hong Kong's domestic law, justify the extradited person's committal for trial.

The public hearing will be held in **Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra** on **Monday 18 June 2007** from **10.00 am**. The public hearing will be broadcast on the House Monitoring Service, radio and webcast on the Parliament House website. Further information about the inquiry is available on the Committee's website:

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM – 10.00 am-12.30 pm, 18 June 2007

Venue: Committee Room 2R1, 2nd floor, Parliament House, Canberra

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| 10.00 am | Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles; |
| 10.25 am | Social Security Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Korea <i>and</i> Amendment to the Agreement between Australia and Germany on Social Security; |
| 10.45 am | Instrument amending the Constitution of the International Telecommunications Union and Instrument amending the Convention of the International Telecommunications Union; |
| 11.00 am | Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between Australia and South Africa; |
| 11.20 am | Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (the Red Crystal); |
| 11.50 am | Protocol to the Extradition Treaty with Hong Kong <i>and</i> Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Treaty with Thailand. |

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