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Ms Gillian Gould  
Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties  
Department of House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Gould

I refer to the letter, dated 15 February 2005, from the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties to the Premier of Western Australia regarding treaties tabled in the Commonwealth Parliament on 8 February 2005. The following brief comments are submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

*Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of Wild Flora and Fauna*

The only new species nominated for listing under the Convention that occurs in Australian and Western Australian land or waters is the Great White Shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*). The Great White Shark has been nominated for inclusion on CITES Appendix II, including an annotation that states that a zero annual export quota is established for this species.

The Great White Shark is not harvested commercially in Western Australia. It is listed as a threatened species under both State (*Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*) and Commonwealth (*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*) legislation, and as such has special protection within Western Australian waters.

The threats for this species are related to bycatch in commercial net and set line fishing, recreational line fishing, and illegal trade in parts (teeth, fins, jaws etc.). Western Australia therefore supports the listing of the Great White Shark on Appendix II, and considers that this would assist international efforts to conserve the species.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Committee's inquiry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Petrice Judge".

Petrice Judge  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**OFFICE OF FEDERAL AFFAIRS**  
8 March 2005