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Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia as amended by the Protocol amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia and the Second Protocol amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia

Supplementary Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the Anglo-Australian Optical Telescope, at Siding Spring, New South Wales, Australia

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 - (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 abbreviations

AAO	Anglo-Australian Observatory
AAT	Anglo-Australian Optical Telescope
AATB	Anglo-Australian Telescope Board
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
AFFA	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Australia
ANU	Australian National University
ANZUS	Security Treaty between Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASF	Australian Seed Federation
Cth	Commonwealth
DEST	Department of Education Science and Training
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GCA	Grains Council of Australia
GRDC	Grains Research and Development Corporation

IARCs	International Agricultural Research Centres
MTA	Material Transfer Agreement
NIA	National Interest Analysis
NSW	New South Wales
PGRFA	Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
RSAA	Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics
SSO	Siding Spring Observatory
TAC	Treaty of Amity and Cooperation
UK	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
UKST	United Kingdom Schmidt Telescope
UN	United Nations



List of recommendations

2 International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

3 Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *Treaty of Amity and Cooperation* (Indonesia, 24 February 1976), as amended by the *Protocol amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia* and the *Second Protocol amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia*, and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

4 Supplementary Agreement with the United Kingdom of Great Britain concerning the Anglo-Australian Optical Telescope

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *Supplementary Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the Anglo-Australian Optical Telescope, at Siding Spring, New South Wales, Australia* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

