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Resolution of appointment

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- 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 abbreviations

ACIAR	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
ATSE	Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
DAFF	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
FAO	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
GCDT	Global Crop Diversity Trust
IARC	International Agricultural Research Centre
IPGRI	International Plant Genetic Resources Institute
NIA	National Interest Analysis
UK	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
US	United States of America



List of recommendations

2 Agreement for Establishment of the Global Crop Diversity Trust

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Agreement for Establishment of the Global Crop Diversity Trust*, done at Rome on 1 April 2004 and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

