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Resolution of Appointment

The Resolution of Appointment of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties allows it to inquire into and report on:

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- 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 recommendations

2 Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (Tokyo, 11 November 2004)

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (Tokyo, 11 November 2004)* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

3 Treaty between Australia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Extradition done at Canberra on 10 April 2012

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that new and revised extradition agreements should explicitly provide a requirement that the requesting country provide annual information concerning the trial status and health of extradited persons and the conditions of the detention facilities in which they are held.

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports the *Treaty between Australia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Extradition done at Canberra on 10 April 2012* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

4 Partial Revision of the 2008 Radio Regulations, as incorporated in the International Telecommunication Union Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference of 2012 (WRC-12)

Recommendation 4

The Committee supports the *Partial Revision of the 2008 Radio Regulations, as incorporated in the International Telecommunication Union Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12)* done at Geneva on 17 February 2012 and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

5 Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Kingdom of Spain for the Mutual Protection of Classified Information of Defence Interest done at Madrid on 17 November 2011

Recommendation 5

The Committee supports the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Kingdom of Spain for the Mutual Protection of Classified Information of Defence Interest done at Madrid on 17 November 2011* and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.