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Joint Agreement on Enhanced Cooperation between Australia and Papua New Guinea

Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air

Amendments to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling

Agreement on Social Security between the Government of Australia and the Government of Malta

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Amendments, agreed at Bangkok, in October 2004, to Appendices I and II of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

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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 abbreviations

AFP	Australian Federal Police
BCM	Bromochloromethane
Cth	Commonwealth
CITES	Convention on International trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
DEH	Department of the Environment and Heritage
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DoTARS	Department of Transport and Regional Services
ECP	Enhanced Cooperation Program
EPBC Act	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act
EU	European Union
HCFCs	Hydrochloroflourocarbons
IATA	International Air Transport Association
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
IWC	International Whaling Commission
NGO	Non-Government Organisation

NIA	National Interest Analysis
PGRFA	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
PNG	Papua New Guinea
RAMSI	Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands
RIS	Regulation Impact Statement
SDR	Special Drawing Right
TAFTA	Australia-Thailand Free Trade Agreement
WTO	World Trade Organisation



List of recommendations

2 Agreement on Bilateral Cooperation between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports the *Agreement on Bilateral Cooperation between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand* (Canberra, 5 July 2004), and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

3 Termination of the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Slovak Republic on Trade and Economic Cooperation

Recommendation 2

The Committee supports the *Termination of the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Slovak Republic on Trade and Economic Cooperation* (Canberra, 23 April 1999), and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

4 Enhanced Cooperation Agreement with Papua New Guinea

Recommendation 3

In circumstances where the national interest exemption is invoked the Committee recommends that an urgent briefing by the Minister for Foreign Affairs be provided in addition to the notification it currently receives.

5 Montreal Convention on International Carriage by Air

Recommendation 4

The Committee supports the *Montreal Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air* (Montreal, 28 May 1999) and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

7 Agreement on Social Security between the Government of Australia and the Government of Malta

Recommendation 5

The Committee supports the proposed *Agreement on social security between the Government of Australia and the Government of Malta* (Valletta, 16 June 2004) and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

8 Beijing Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Recommendation 6

The Committee supports the *Beijing Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer* (Beijing, November 1999) and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

9 Amendments to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

Recommendation 7

The Committee supports the *Amendments, agreed at Bangkok, in October 2004, to Appendices I and II of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora of 3 March 1973*.

