



## Treaties Committee supports ratification of UNESCO Convention Against Doping in Sport

Acting Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, Mrs Margaret May MP, today (Tuesday 6 December) tabled *Report 70*, which includes a recommendation that Australia ratify the UNESCO Convention Against Doping in Sport.

Among the many obligations under the Convention, the principles embodied in the World Anti-doping Code include: adoption of anti-doping measures through legislation, regulation, policies or administrative practices; restriction of the availability of prohibited substances or methods to athletes, including taking measures against trafficking; facilitating doping controls, and supporting national testing programs.

Under the Convention Australia will commit itself to the principles embodied in the World Anti-doping Code. Australia was instrumental in drafting the code, which works in conjunction with four international standards to harmonise anti-doping frameworks across all sports in all countries. The aim of the international standards is to align the technical and operational elements of countries' anti-doping programs.

“Australia already has a world’s best practice anti-doping framework in place in the lead up to the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games. The ratification of this Treaty will signify Australia’s continued strong commitment on anti-doping in sport,” Mrs May said.

Report 70 is available on the Committee’s website:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/report.htm>

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