



# PARLIAMENT of AUSTRALIA

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TREATIES

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10 February 2011

The Hon Barry House MLC  
President  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000



Dear Mr President

### Treaties tabled on 9 and 10 February 2011

I am writing to advise of the most recent tabling of treaties, and to invite comments as part of the review process undertaken by the Commonwealth Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Treaties.

Before action is taken to bind Australia to the terms of treaties, the Treaties Committee considers and reports on whether the proposals are in Australia's national interest. The Committee is currently inquiring into the following proposed treaties tabled in both Houses of the Parliament this week:

#### Treaties tabled on 9 February 2011

- *Third Protocol Amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (Hanoi, 23 July 2010)*
- *Agreement between Australia and the Slovak Republic on Social Security (New York, 21 September 2010)*
- *Amendments to the Convention Establishing the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency to Modernise the Mandate of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, done at Seoul on 11 October 1985*  
*Amendment to the International Finance Corporation Articles of Agreement, done at Washington DC on 20 July 1956*
- *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand on Trans-Tasman Court Proceedings and Regulatory Enforcement, done at Christchurch on 24 July 2008 (Christchurch 24 July 2008)*
- *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of South Africa concerning the Co-Production of Films, done at Pretoria on 18 June 2010 (Pretoria, 18 June 2010)*

Treaty tabled on 10 February 2011

- *Treaty between Australia and the People's Republic of China concerning Transfer of Sentenced Persons, (Sydney, 6 September 2007)*

The subject matter of international treaties can be of interest to State and Territory Governments and Parliaments and we are keen to provide an opportunity for comment on any issues arising from proposed treaties. Treaty texts and copies of the National Interest Analysis (which accompany each treaty tabled) are available from the Committee's website at

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/9february2011/tor.htm>.

As the Treaties Committee has periods of 15 and 20 sitting days in which to complete its reviews, it would be helpful if you could forward any comments you might wish to make to the Committee Secretariat by **Thursday, 10 March 2011**. If substantial issues of concern are raised about any of the proposed treaties and the Committee's usual period of review is extended, it may be possible to arrange for a submission to be lodged after this date. Your comments may be accepted as a submission to the review and authorised for publication.

Should your officials have any questions about the treaty or about our review procedures, they should contact James Catchpole, Committee Secretary on telephone (02) 6277 4002, facsimile (02) 6277 2219 or e-mail [jsct@aph.gov.au](mailto:jsct@aph.gov.au).

Yours faithfully



**Kelvin Thomson MP**  
Chair