



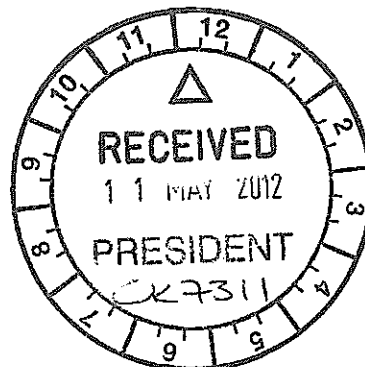
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Dear Mr President

Treaties tabled on 8 May 2012

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:

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- *Exchange of Notes, done at Canberra on 9 December 2011, constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America to amend and extend the Agreement concerning Cooperation in Defense Logistics Support, done at Sydney on 4 November 1989 (Canberra, 9 December 2011)*
- *Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (Strasbourg 25 January 1988) Text amended by the provisions of the Protocol amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters, which entered into force on 1 June 2011 Signed for Australia 3 November 2011*

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/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jsct/8may2012/index.htm