Dear Mr President

Treaties tabled on 1 November 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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- Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Cape Town, 16 November 2001) and;

- Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment (Cape Town, 16 November 2001)


- Exchange of notes amending the Air Transport Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United States of America (date and place of exchange TBA)
Amendment to the Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and Japan for Air Services, done at Tokyo on 19 January 1956, as amended


Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Palau relating to Air Services (Koror, 2 May 2012)


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