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Mr Denis J Whitely
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Dear Mr Whitely,

Thank you for your letter dated 5 August 2020 regarding recommendations from the Council for the National Interest relating to the process for Treaties, Conventions and Protocols.

The Australian Government has responsibility for signing, ratifying and consulting on Treaties, Conventions and protocols. I understand each treaty is tabled in Parliament with the Joint Standing Committee facilitating an inquiry process which allows for public submissions and public hearings for more contentious matters.

I am advised that you have also written to the Secretariat for the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties who has provided your recommendations to the Committee for their consideration.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Brown
DIRECTOR GENERAL

17 September 2020