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Committees - Without Submission

CABINET MINUTE

**Without
Submission****REVIEW OF AUSTRALIAN
INTERACTION WITH UN
TREATY COMMITTEES**

1. The Cabinet agreed to a whole-of-government review ('the review') of the operation of the United Nations treaty committee system as it affects Australia.
2. The Cabinet also agreed that the issues to be addressed by the review include the method of Australian dealings with United Nations treaty committees, the nature of the Government's interaction with them, and options for enhancing Ministerial authority in relation to such involvement.
3. The Cabinet further agreed that the review form the basis of a Cabinet Submission to be prepared by the Minister for Foreign Affairs ('the Minister') and the Attorney-General in consultation with relevant Ministers as appropriate.
4. The Cabinet further agreed that:
 - (a) the Minister publicly announce the review as soon as practicable; and
 - (b) the Minister consult the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Attorney-General on the terms of the public announcement referred to in sub-paragraph 4(a) above.

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Secretary to Cabinet



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