



PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
DEFENCE

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS & PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE:

- **REVIEW THE KIGALI AMENDMENT TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER;**
- **2011 ASIA-PACIFIC CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS;**
- **COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON THE MANIPULATION OF SPORTS**

The Parliament Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence, is established pursuant to Standing Order 109 (2) (e) of the Standing Orders of Parliament, is currently reviewing the Review the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, 2011 Asia Pacific Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications and the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports.

The Committee invites interested stakeholders and individuals to make oral or written submissions on the mentioned treaties.

The **Review the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer** aims to:

- Raise the awareness and commitments from State Parties, Civil Society, NGOs and Members of the Public the Amendment is a binding international agreement or treaty which is intended to create rights and obligations in international law.
- Phase-down or reduce the production and consumption of HFCs frequently used in refrigeration and air-conditioning systems and currently used as replacements to ODS.
- Raise the awareness that HFCs are greenhouse gases which can have high or very high global warming potentials (GWPs) ranging from 12 to 14800 GWP.
- Raise the awareness that the Amendment creates the opportunity and the potential to avoid up to 0.5°C of warming by the end of the century.

The **2011 Asia-Pacific Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications** aims to:

- Provide a national awareness and emphasis on quality higher education is of growing importance given the emerging challenges from the rapid expansion of higher education systems, as well as the substantial increase in cross-border mobility of students in the past two decades, both of which are key issues in Asia and the Pacific.
- To support cross-border mobility of students and to ensure access to quality education, UNESCO initiated six regional conventions on the recognition of higher education qualifications, including the Asia-Pacific Regional Convention, which was first adopted in Bangkok, Thailand in 1983.

The **Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports** aims to:

- Raise the national awareness and is convinced that dialogue and cooperation amongst public authorities, sports organisations and sports betting operators at national and international levels on the basis of mutual respect and trust are essential in the search for effective common responses to the challenges posed by the manipulation of sports competitions.
- Recognise that sport, based on fair and equal competition, is unpredictable in nature and requires unethical and practices and behavior to be forcefully countered.
- Emphasise the belief that consistent application of the principles of good governance and ethics in sport is a significant factor in helping to eradicate corruption, the manipulation of sports competition and other kinds of malpractice in sport.

Written or oral submissions can be submitted through the contacts provided above or via correspondence addressed to:

The Chairperson
Parliament Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence
PO Box 2352
Government Buildings
SUVA

Please note that your submission will be considered a public document, therefore please use discretion when providing written submissions.

The Committee will be hearing public submissions on the above treaties with details as follows:

Date	Time	Venue, Location	Treaty
Tuesday, 28 th Jan, 2020	9.30am to 12.30pm	Parliament Big Committee Room 2, Government Building, Suva	Review the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer
Wednesday, 29 th Jan, 2020			2011 Asia-Pacific Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications
Thursday, 30 th Jan, 2020			Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports
Friday, 31 st Jan, 2020	9.30am to 3.00pm	Lautoka City Mayoral Chambers	All the above three treaties

For further information please contact Committee Secretariat staff, Mr. Jacob Abraham on email: jacob.abraham@parliament.gov.fj or telephone **892-5212/ 893-8386**. Furthermore, it is requested that persons wishing to make a submission at the Parliament Complex, Government Buildings, Suva, are to contact the above-named Secretariat.



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Hon. Alexander O'Connor
Chairperson