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The Honorable
John F. Kerry, Chairman,
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TREATY PRIORITY LIST
FOR THE 111TH CONGRESS

TREATIES CURRENTLY ON THE COMMITTEE CALENDAR ON WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTS SENATE ACTION AT THIS TIME

ARM CONTROL


DEFENSE TRADE COOPERATION

Treaty with Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Sydney September 5, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-10); submitted to the Senate on December 3, 2007.


ENVIRONMENT


Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, done at Canberra on June 19, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 110-22); submitted to the Senate on September 26, 2008.


UNCLASSIFIED

HUMAN RIGHTS


INVESTMENT AND TAXATION

Treaty between the United States and Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23); submitted to the Senate on November 20, 2008.

Convention between the United States and Malta for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, done at Valletta August 8, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 111-1); submitted to the Senate on January 15, 2009.

LABOR


LAW ENFORCEMENT

Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and other Related Materials, done at Washington November 13, 1997 and signed by the United States on November 14, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-49); submitted to the Senate on June 9, 1998.

LAW OF THE SEA

PEACEKEEPING


PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, adopted at The Hague on November 23, 2007, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc. 110-21); submitted to the Senate on September 8, 2008.
TRENTIES CURRENTLY ON THE COMMITTEE CALENDAR ON WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT SEEK SENATE ACTION AT THIS TIME

Listed in chronological order from date of submission to the Senate


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