



FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

AUSTRALIAN PERMANENT MISSION  
TO THE UN GENEVA

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Dear Ms Foucard

Thank you for your letter dated 20 April 2016, which attached a joint communication from various United Nations Special Rapporteurs and Independent Experts concerning “alleged adverse human rights impact stemming from certain provisions within the Trans-Pacific Partnership” (TPP).

Australia is unable to respond to this communication at this time due to the operation of the Caretaker Conventions following the calling of an Australian federal election. A response will be provided to the communication following the formation of a government after the election on 2 July 2016.

I can, however, confirm that the communication has been brought to the attention of the Australian Foreign Minister, Ms Julie Bishop MP.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'John Quinn'.

John Quinn