

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART I**

***Informal Working Group – Institutional Matters***

*Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to [council2022@isa.org.jm](mailto:council2022@isa.org.jm).*

**1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**

Belgium

**2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

Regulation 10

**3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.**

**4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]**

Belgium has no concrete text proposal for the moment, but we are not (yet) convinced that the Secretary-General is the proper body to conduct the Preliminary review of the application. The task to ‘determine whether an application is complete for further processing’ is coming close to an evaluation as to whether the information, data or documents that should accompany the application is/are in accordance with the prescribed characteristics for each component. The LTC might be better placed to do this evaluation, as a preliminary step in the fully-fledged review of the application by LTC.