

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART V**

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.

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

China

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

Regulation 57

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.

2. A Contractor shall notify the Secretary-General if it wishes to modify the Plan of Work. The Secretary-General shall, in consultation with the Contractor, consider whether a proposed modification to the Plan of Work constitutes a Material Change in accordance with the ~~Guidelines~~ Standards. If the Secretary-General considers that the proposed modification ~~may constitute~~s a Material Change, ~~the Secretary-General shall submit such matter to the Commission for consideration. If the Commission considers that the proposed modification constitutes a Material Change,~~ the Contractor shall seek the prior approval of the Council based on the recommendation of the Commission under regulations 12 and 16, and before such Material Change is implemented by the Contractor.

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

This regulation implicates the issue whether modification of a Plan of Work by a Contractor constitutes a Material Change. Paragraph 2 provides that the Secretary-General shall consider whether a proposed modification to the Plan of Work constitutes a Material Change in accordance with the Guidelines, which is inappropriate. Two revisions are proposed. First, the “Guidelines” should be replaced by the binding “Standards”. Second, the Secretary-General shall not consider whether a proposed modification constitutes a Material Change, it is suggested to be modified.

“Guidelines” should be replaced by the binding “Standard

