

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH 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.

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

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

Regulation 3, Part I - ISBA/25/C/WP.1

3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline 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.

Regulation 3

Duty to cooperate and exchange of information

In matters relating to these regulations:

(a) Members of the Authority and Contractors shall ~~use their best endeavours to~~ cooperate with the Authority to provide such data and information ~~as is reasonably~~ necessary for the Authority to discharge its duties and responsibilities under the Convention;

...

(f) The bodies of the Authority, the Members of the Authority, sponsoring States and Contractors shall ~~use their best endeavours, in conjunction with the Authority, to~~ cooperate with each other, as well as with other contractors and national and international scientific research and technology development agencies, with a view to:

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

1- ‘Best endeavours’ would reduce the standard of cooperation required from States and Contractors from the previous *absolute* duty to cooperate. The deletion of “as is reasonably” is suggested because it is a very ambiguous term.

2- Every actor must cooperate, including sponsoring States and the bodies of the Authority, and it should not be limited to doing their best endeavours.