

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

***Informal Working Group - Environment***

*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:**

China

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

Regulation 48bis

**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.**

none

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

China still has the following questions about test mining that needs to be clarified by the facilitator. It is unclear about test mining whether there should be a mandatory requirement, whether it should take place both when applying for approval of a Plan of Work and before commercial production, and how this related to the tests carried out during exploration, etc. China calls upon the Authority to adopt relevant standards and guidelines.