

**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:**

Republic of Nauru

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

Regulation 13.

**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.**

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

There are a several matters throughout this regulation on which the Commission is to make a determination in connection with the applicant or the proposed Plan of Work, ranging from the financial and technical capability of the applicant to determining that a Plan of Work provides for the effective protection of human health and safety or of the environment.

There is currently no additional guidance or evaluation criteria, including information principles (e.g., application of BASE, taking into account any uncertainty or inadequacy in information etc.) to help implement these regulatory provisions.

As per our comments under regulation 7, we were of the understanding that the proposed guidelines on the preparation and assessment of an application for the approval of a Plan of Work for exploitation would expand on these matters, and provide evaluation criteria. Will such guidelines be updated?