

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH 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.

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

United Kingdom

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

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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.

6. Where ~~a Contractor has previously submitted two successive unsatisfactory reports and~~ the Commission has reasonable grounds to believe that a performance assessment cannot be undertaken satisfactorily by a Contractor in accordance with the Guidelines, the Commission may procure, at the cost of the Contractor, an independent competent person to conduct the performance assessment and to compile the report.

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

The UK believes that the qualifier of submitting two successive unsatisfactory reports as grounds for a Commission judgement on Contractor capacity/capability in this context is an unwarranted restriction on the power of the Commission to require a report by an independent competent person. The qualifier should be removed.