

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

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council@isa.org.jm.

1. Name of Working Group:

President's text

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

Chile

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

Reg. 23

4. 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.

Reg.23.1	<p>1. A Contractor may transfer its rights and obligations under an exploitation contract in whole or in part only with the prior consent of the Council, based on the recommendations of the Commission] <u>and with notification to the Sponsoring State or States</u>].</p> <p><i>The rationale is based on the fact that doubts arise regarding the possibility given in section 22 of the Uniform Clauses for Exploration Contracts, where it is stated that this transfer of rights and obligations can be partial. Specifically, if the transferee would really be assuming ALL the obligations of the transferor, which is stated in Art. 20 Annex III UNCLOS. Understanding that, being a partial area, there will be aspects that need to be adjusted, such as the environmental impact assessment that was carried out on a larger area. Chile respects what was agreed in the exploration regulation, however, the mining code has the objective of regulating an activity other than exploration, and therefore we propose that the transfer of rights and obligations be in its totality in relation to the exploitation contracts, and not in a partial way.</i></p>
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5. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]