

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

**President's text**

*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](mailto:council@isa.org.jm).*

**1. Name of Working Group:**

President's text

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

China

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

Regulation 20

Term of exploitation contracts

**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.**

**\*Note: China's amendments are in Blue**

3. The Contractor shall supply ~~[a revised plan of work, as well as]~~ such documentation as may be specified in the **[Standard and]** Guidelines. If the Contractor wishes to make any changes to a Plan of Work ~~[and such changes are Material Changes]~~, the Contractor shall submit a revised Plan of Work ~~[including an updated EIA].~~

6. ~~-(b) bis [The cumulative environmental impact does not exceed the thresholds set by the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan as a result of the renewal, and that such renewal does not hinder the achievement of the strategic and regional environmental goals and objectives;]~~

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

Regarding paragraph 3, the extension of an exploitation contract is not necessarily together with the revision of a Plan of Work, which should be treated on a case-by-case basis. In the circumstances of non-material changes, it can follow a simplified procedure. While in the circumstances of material changes, the Contractor needs to submit a revised plan of work.

Regarding paragraph 6 (b) bis, the attribution of cumulative environmental impact is uncertain. In other word, it cannot necessarily attribute to the Contractor. It is recommended to conduct an in-depth study on the cumulative environmental impact before whether to use it as a factor for deciding the renewal of the exploitation contract.