TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH 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 <u>council@isa.org.jm</u>.

1. Name of Working Group:

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

China

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

Regulation 33

Preventing and responding to Incidents

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

1. The Contractor shall not proceed [or continue] with Exploitation if it is reasonably foreseeable [or likely] that proceeding or continuing would cause or contribute to an Incident, or prevent the effective management of such Incident.

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

Regarding paragraph 1, "reasonably foreseeable" does not include unfounded predictions or speculations. The Contractors are often only able to respond to situations that they can foresee while the meaning of "likely" is too broad.