

**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 council@isa.org.jm.

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 35

Human remains and objects and sites of an archaeological or historical nature

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**

The Contractor shall ~~immediately~~ notify the Secretary-General in writing within 24 hours of any finding in the Contract Area of any human remains of an archaeological or historical ~~and paleontological~~ nature, or any object or site of a similar nature, and its location, including the preservation and protection measures taken. The Secretary- General shall transmit such information, ~~within 7 Days of receiving it~~ to the ~~S~~sponsoring State, to the State from which the remains, ~~object or site~~ originated, if known, to the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to any other competent international organization. Following the finding of any such human remains, object or site in the Contract Area, and in order to avoid disturbing such human remains, object or site, no further Exploration or Exploitation shall take place, within a reasonable radius, ~~to be determined by the Authority~~ until such time as the Council decides otherwise, after taking into account the views of the State from which the remains originated, the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization or any other competent international organization.~~[If the Council decides that exploration or exploitation cannot continue, the Contractor shall be compensated, including but not limited to the vicarious areas of equivalent size or value elsewhere or appropriate waiver of fees.]~~

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

This regulation provides that following the finding of any such human remains, object or site in the Contract Area, and in order to avoid disturbing such human remains, object or site, no further Exploration or Exploitation shall take place, within a reasonable radius, until such time as the Council decides otherwise, after taking into account the views from different parties. But if the Council decides that exploration or exploitation cannot continue, the Contractor will face certain losses. In this case, it is suggested to consider certain compensation for the Contractor like the vicarious areas of equivalent size or value elsewhere or appropriate waiver of fees. Recommend further research in this regard.