

**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 43

Compliance with other laws and regulations

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. Nothing in an exploitation contract shall relieve a Contractor from its lawful obligations under any national law to which it is subject, including the laws of a **S**sponsoring State and flag State. [Contractors shall comply with all laws and regulations, whether domestic, international, or other, that apply to its conduct of activities in the Area.]

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

Regarding paragraph 1, the new part of the language is vague, increasing the legal uncertainty, and thus it is suggested to be deleted.