

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

Informal Working Group - Institutional Matters

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:

Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters

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

China

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

Regulation 58 Review of ~~activities under~~ a Plan of Work

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 (g), Changes in Best Available Scientific ~~Information~~ Evidence"

2, The Secretary-General and the Contractor shall invite the sponsoring State ~~or States,~~ ~~and relevant coastal states~~ and may invite relevant coastal states as appropriate to participate in the review of activities performed by the appropriate organ.

3 Atl.1, The organ in charge of the review shall report on each review to the Commission and Council, the sponsoring State or States ~~and the relevant coastal states.~~

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

Regarding Paragraph 1 (g), "Best Available Scientific Evidence" is a common phrase in the field of environmental protection. The use of terms and scope attached to the draft Exploitation Regulations has a definition of "best available scientific evidence", not "best available scientific information".

Regarding Paragraph 2, Both the sponsoring State and the ISA are the regulatory bodies for the Area activities, whereas the coastal State is not. The coastal state may be invited to participate in the review as appropriate, but not a must.

Regarding Paragraph 3 Atl.1, coastal state is not regulatory body of the Area activities. The review of the contractor's work plan does not need to be reported to coastal states.