

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

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 – Institutional matters

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

Republic of Nauru

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

Reg 3(g) and proposed (h)

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.

(g) In order to assist the Authority in carrying out its policy and duties under section 7 of the annex to the Agreement, Contractors and member States shall provide or enable access to such information, upon the request by the Secretary-General, to facilitate the work of the appropriate organs of the Authority to prepare studies of the potential impact of exploitation in the Area on the economies of developing land-based producers of those Minerals which are likely to be most seriously affected. The content of any such studies shall be in accordance with any relevant Standards and take account of the Guidelines

Proposal for a new h)

~~h) The Council shall, taking into account recommendations by the Commission, adopt Standards and Guidelines concerning the duties mentioned in paras. (c) to (f) which establish requirements, obligations and procedural arrangements, including standardized data templates and methodology for data collection and analysis within three years after the adoption of these regulations or before any mineral production commences, whichever take place.~~

The Commission shall, in cooperation with the Secretary-General issue Guidelines containing measures to facilitate implementation of the requirements of paragraphs (c) to (f) including, where applicable, suitable procedural arrangements and standardized data templates and methodology for data collection and analysis. Such Guidelines shall reflect any applicable Standards adopted by the Council.

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

- Para (g): We do not see a role for standards and guidelines here in determining the content of the studies. The commissioning of further studies, likely through the Economic Planning Commission, would seem more appropriately addressed by terms of reference relevant to the content of the study at the time and prepared by that competent organ.
- Para (h): We consider that putting procedural and other practical measures in place to implement paragraphs (c) to (f) helpful. However, we feel that the Commission and the Secretary-General are better placed to develop such measures and formalise existing arrangements, while recognising that the Council may wish to adopt standards for specific content reflected in paragraphs (c) to (f).