

**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:

President's Text

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

Portugal

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

Regulation 27 (2)

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.

2. {Once Commercial Production has begun, the Contractor shall notify the Secretary-General. Upon notification, the Secretary-General shall publish notice on the website of the Authority and shall notify members of the Authority, in particular coastal States adjacent in close proximity to the Mining Area, that Commercial Production has begun and the location of the Mining Area.}

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

Portugal supports paragraph 2 but we suggest to use a more objective criteria to determine the coastal States to be notified than "close proximity", that we find susceptible to various interpretations.