

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

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:** Australia

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

Annex I – Application for approval of a Plan of Work to obtain an exploitation contract – Section III – Technical information - proposed amendments are in green text

- 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.**

**Annex I
Section III
Technical information**

20. **bis.** [Identify the in-service and planned submarine cables and pipelines in, or adjacent to, the area under application; and provide documentary proof of the measures agreed between the applicant and the operators of the cables and pipelines to reduce the risk of damage to the in-service and planned submarine cables and pipelines].

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

Australia strongly supports 20bis and therefore suggests removal of the square brackets around this text. Australia considers that it is critical for the Commission to receive information from a contractor regarding submarine cables and coordination activities. This is because development of the Plan of Work precludes submarine cable operators from initiating coordination themselves before the Plan of Work is approved.

Australia considers it important that the term ‘planned’ must be retained, to ensure that that cables that are planned or under construction can be captured by this regulation.