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:

Open-ended Working Group of the Council on the financial terms

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

Submitted by Nauru Ocean Resources Inc. and Tonga Offshore Mining Ltd.

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

 Draft Regulation 62
- 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.

The Council shall, based on the recommendations of the Commission, apply the provisions of this Part in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner, and shall ensure equality of financial treatment and comparable financial obligations for Contractors.

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

- We do not support any proposal to delete Draft Regulation 62.
- Draft Regulation 62 reflects the objectives set out in Articles 140 and 151(1)(c) of UNCLOS.
- We consider there is no basis to support the deletion of Drafting Regulation 62 as the proposed regulation clearly outlines UNCLOS' objectives.