

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

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President's text

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

Republic of Nauru

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Regulation 20(2)

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2. An application to renew an exploitation contract shall be made in writing addressed to the Secretary-General and shall be made no later than ~~{one year}~~~~{two years}~~ before the expiration of the initial period or renewal period, as the case may be, of the exploitation contract.

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

One year offers a reasonable time within which to make an application for renewal and for this to be processed.

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~~(b) bis. [The cumulative environmental impact does not exceed the thresholds set by the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan as a result of the renewal, and that such renewal does not hinder the achievement of the strategic and regional environmental goals and objectives;]~~

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We see no basis for including this text as a requirement for the Commission to recommend the approval of an application to renew an exploitation contract to the Council. There is no clarity on what thresholds are being referenced here nor how this text dovetails with article 145, UNCLOS and the development of REMPs.

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Each renewal period shall be a maximum of 10 years. ~~{for a maximum overall duration of the exploitation contract of 60 years}. [A maximum of two renewals may be requested]~~

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We see no basis under the Convention for limiting the number of renewals. Indeed, any such limitation is inconsistent with article 17(2)(b)(iii) of annex III, UNCLOS.