

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:council@isa.org.jm).*

**1. Name of Working Group:**

President

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

The Pew Charitable Trusts

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

DR 43

**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.**

1. Nothing in an exploitation contract shall relieve a Contractor from its lawful obligations under any national law to which it is subject, including the laws of a sponsoring State and flag State. [Contractors shall comply with all laws and regulations, whether domestic, international, or other, that apply to its conduct of activities in the Area.]

3. Contractors shall notify the Secretary-General promptly when a permit, licence, approval, certificate or clearance connected with its activities in the Area is withdrawn, terminated or suspended.

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

We agree with the re-insertion of this second sentence of DR43(1), which was removed in the March 2019 revision of the draft Regulations without explanation. This inclusion helps to enhance the ISA’s ability to exercise regulatory control over Contractors, particularly where a flag, sponsoring or port State lacks the capacity or will to implement enforcement measures.