

**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:**

IWG Inspections

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

Russian Federation

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

Reg. 102

**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. A Contractor shall restrict its mining operations to the Mining Area.~~

2. All installations, mining vessels and mining collectors involved in exploitation activities under the Exploitation contract shall be fitted with:

(a) ~~an electronic monitoring system~~ ~~[A device]~~ shall record, where technically feasible in real time, inter alia, the date, time and position of all mining activities ~~and environmental data including Underwater Cultural Heritage; and~~

(b) The electronic monitoring system shall also encompass the monitoring of the environment, implementing the obligations under Regulation [46ter], allowing for adaptive management during the mining operation.

~~(c)~~ a satellite tracking system to enable identification of each vessel and determination of its position, navigation status, course and speed.

The detail and frequency of reporting shall be in accordance with the Standards and taking into account the Guidelines.

2 bis. The Contractor shall use the best-available environmental ~~and archaeological~~ techniques to monitor in real-time and in the actual environment the mining impact, including the removal of mineral resources, plume dispersal, chemical emissions, introduction of pollutants including light and sound. The electronic monitoring system shall be in accordance with the Environmental Monitoring and Management Plan., ~~[allowing for adaptive management during the mining operation]~~

~~2 ter. The electronic monitoring system [should][shall] also encompass the monitoring of mining impacts and be in accordance with the Environmental Monitoring and Management Plan, as well as include a survey of the seabed to identify Underwater Cultural Heritage implementing the obligations under Regulation 46, [allowing for adaptive management during the mining operation]~~

3 bis. The Environmental Monitoring and Management Plan (?) shall include:

~~5. All data received and transmitted to [the Authority] [Compliance Committee] [the Inspectorate] under this regulation shall also be transmitted to the Secretary-General Council and the sponsoring State or States and be made publicly available in real time.~~

5 ~~alt.~~ All data received under this regulation, shall be transmitted to the Authority, and made available publicly on the Authority's website.

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

Survey of the Underwater Cultural Heritage isn't a task of Contractor.

Paragraphs 2bis and 2ter talk about the same. Thus, they can be combined.

This is unclear what plan is mentioned in paragraph 3bis. Is this the Environmental Monitoring and Management Plan?