

**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:

Russian Federation

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

Reg. 94 ~~Alt-1~~

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. ~~†~~Standards and amendments thereto are binding on all ~~activities~~ persons ~~operating carrying out activities~~ in the Area.

2. Standards are prepared by the Commission, which shall take into account the views of recognized experts ~~and~~ relevant Stakeholders, ~~and relevant existing international standards~~, and make recommendations to the Council on the adoption and revision of Standards.

3. The Council shall consider and approve the Standards upon the recommendation of the Commission. If the Council does not approve such Standards, the Council shall return the Standards to the Commission for reconsideration in the light of the views expressed by the Council. The Standards may be revised at least every five years from the date of their adoption or revision, and in the light of improved knowledge or technology. The Standards approved by the Council shall remain effective on a provisional basis until approved by the Assembly or until amended by the Council in the light of any views expressed by the Assembly.

4. Standards may be adopted, inter alia, in relation to:

(a) health, safety and labor matters;

(b) the protection and conservation of the natural resources of the Area and the prevention of damage to the flora and fauna of the Marine Environment;

(c) the prevention, reduction and control of pollution and other hazards to the Marine Environment, including the coastline, and of interference with the ecological balance of the Marine Environment, ~~particular attention being paid to the need for~~ ~~11~~ ~~ju~~ ~~protection from harmful effects of such activities as drilling, dredging, excavation, disposal of waste, construction and operation or maintenance of installations, pipelines and other devices related to such activities~~; and

(d) other matters.

5. Standards may include both qualitative and quantitative norms, as well as the methods, processes and technologies necessary to comply with the standards.

6. To the extent of any inconsistency between a Standard and amendments thereto, and an already approved Plan of Work, a Contractor following a reasonable transition period, shall use its best efforts to comply with any additional changes to its Plan of Work as a result of the amendment.†

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

Based on alternatives of the current edition of the Reg. 94 we prefer this alternative. However, we are open to further discussions taking into account the results of intersessional work on this issue.