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. 95

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. [The Commission [or] [and where there is no conflict of interest] [and] the Secretary General, [respectively] [shall] [may], [as the case may require] from time to time, [issue] [prepare] Guidelines of a technical or administrative nature, taking into account the views of [the Council and] relevant Stakeholders. Guidelines will support the implementation of these regulations from an administrative and technical perspective.]

- 1. alt. The Commission shall, from time to time, develop Guidelines of a technical nature, for the guidance of Contractors in order to assist in the implementation of these Regulations, taking into account the views of relevant Stakeholders.
- 1. alt-bis. The Secretary-General shall, from time to time, develop Guidelines of an administrative nature, taking into account the views of the Commission as well as other relevant Stakeholders.
- 1. alt ter. Guidelines will support the implementation of the Regulations from an administrative and technical perspective. Guidelines will also clarify documentation requirements for an application, detail process requirements (e.g. for the public consultation process, annual reporting and periodic review), and provide guidance on the interpretation of regulatory provisions. [The guidelines are only of a recommendary nature and does not affect the Contractor's performance of the exploitation contract by means other than the guidelines]
- 2. The full text of such Guidelines shall be [reported] [recommended] to the Council [for approval adoption]. [In case of Guidelines which are not of a predominantly administrative nature, the Council shall take into account statements submitted by Stakeholders during public consultation]. Should the Council find that a Guideline is inconsistent with the intent and purpose of the Rules of the Authority, it may request that the guideline be modified [or withdrawn]. If not, [Where no such request is made the Council shall approve the Guidelines].

- 2 bis. Where the Council approves the Guidelines, the Commission or the Secretary-General, as appropriate, shall issue the Guidelines.
- 3. The Commission, {in the case of technical Guidelines} {[] {and} } the Secretary-General, {in the case of administrative Guidelines} shall keep under review such Guidelines {which shall be reconsidered, and revised as needed, at least every five years from the date of their adoption or revision, and} in the light of improved knowledge or information. When the Commission and the Secretary-General shall review the Guidelines, they submit them to the Council for approval.
- 3. alt. The Commission and the Secretary-General shall review the Guidelines in the light of improved knowledge or information and submit their recommendations to the Council for further consideration and, possibly, adoption.
- 4. {Guidelines are only of a recommendatory nature and do not affect the Contractor's performance of the Exploitation contract by means other than the Guidelines.}
- 5. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]