

**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:

IWG Institutional matters

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

Russian Federation

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

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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. These regulations, and any decision-making thereunder, shall be applied in conformity with the principles governing the Area embodied in Section 2 of the Part XI ~~and in Part XII~~ of the Convention.

2. The exploitation activities in the Area shall be carried out for the benefit of mankind as a whole, taking into particular consideration the interests and needs of developing States, for peaceful purposes and ensuring the effective protection of marine environment including ~~biological diversity and ecological integrity~~ its flora and fauna.

3. Exploitation activities in the Area shall not commence until the legal framework intended for the effective protection and preservation of the Marine Environment is adopted and scientific evidence demonstrates that the Exploitation activities are conducted in such a manner as not to cause significant and harmful changes to the Marine Environment and its resources and to effectively protect and preserve the Marine Environment pursuant to article 145 and article 209 of the Part XII of UNCLOS.

4. (vi) Accountability and transparency in decision-making; ~~and~~ (vii) including Effective public participation

~~6. Member States, Sponsors, Contractors, and the Authority shall ensure public trust and regulatory integrity, and shall not engage on decisions in which they have a clear conflict of interest.~~

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

1. Principles governing the Area are embodied in Part exclusively. 2. Regulation 2 is of fundamental nature and should provide for general principles and approaches in strict accordance with terminology of Part XI of the Convention. 3. With respect to para. 4 we consider “effective public participation” as an integral part of transparency in decision-making. 4. There is no basis in the Convention to include para. 6 as proposed.