

**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 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.**

Rights ~~and legitimate interests~~ of coastal States and duty to notify

1. Nothing in these regulations affects the rights ~~and legitimate interest~~ of coastal States in accordance with article 142 and other relevant provisions of the Convention, including its provisions on consultation, prior notification, and the taking of measures.

New 2) ~~The Secretary General shall inform potentially affected coastal States, as identified in the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan, upon the submission of an application for exploitation. Appropriate consultation and notification protocols will be developed. During the consideration of an application the Council shall define the list of potentially affected coastal States and address the issue of the relevant rights of coastal States.~~

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

1. The notion of legitimate interests is too vague. 2. Regulations should clearly set forth how potentially affected coastal States to be defined. In our view, this is the function of the Council, but not the Secretary-General. This important step should not be left to the discretion of Contractors.