

**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: OEWG**

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

- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers. DR76**

- 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.**

Regulation 76

Assessment by the Authority

1. Where the Secretary-General so determines, taking into account the relevant guidance provided by the Council and following any audit under this Part, or by otherwise becoming aware that any royalty return is not accurate and correct in accordance with this Part, the Secretary-General may, by written notice to a Contractor, request any additional information that the Secretary- General considers reasonable in the circumstances, including the report of an auditor.
2. A Contractor shall provide such information requested by the Secretary- General within 60 Days of the date of such request, together with any further information the Contractor requires the Secretary-General to take into consideration.
3. The Secretary-General may, within 60 Days of the expiry of the period prescribed in paragraph 2 above, and after giving due consideration to any information submitted under paragraph 2, make an assessment of any royalty liability that the Secretary-General considers ought to be levied in accordance with this Part.
4. The Secretary-General shall provide the Contractor with written notice of any proposed

assessment under paragraph 3 above. The Contractor may make written representations to the Secretary-General within 60 Days of the date of such written notice. The Secretary-General shall consider such representations and shall confirm or revise the assessment made under paragraph 3 above.

5. The Contractor shall pay any such royalty liability within 30 Days of the date of the determination made by the Secretary-General under paragraph 4.

6. Except in cases of fraud or negligence, no assessment may be made under this regulation after the expiration of 6 years from the date on which the relevant royalty return is lodged.

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

Following last sessions discussions and intersessional working groups it is necessary to discuss the role of the secretary general and the eventual role of the mechanism of inspections implemented by the authority in the audits that this regulation states.