

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART II**

*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:**

OEWG

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

Federal Republic of Germany

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

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**Red text** is in original draft; **blue text** indicates Germany's textual proposals

**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 70**

**Payment of royalty shown by royalty return**

1. A Contractor shall pay the royalty due for a royalty return period on the Day the royalty return is required to be lodged. The Council may request the advance payment of any royalty due by way of instalment where special circumstances exist, in accordance with relevant Standards and rules, regulations and procedures of the Authority, to reflect for instance impacts on ecosystem services and the natural capital.

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

Germany would like the OEWG to consider an earlier payment or part-payment mechanism so as to reduce the risks to the marine environment and ensure returns to the Common Heritage. Rather than creating mechanisms for delayed and partial payments, Germany would support a mechanism for early payment. We suggest that there may be conditions that require advance payment, in particular if there is evidence of environmental impacts.