

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 29TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

President's text

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:

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

China

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

Regulation 18 Rights and exclusivity under an exploitation contract

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.

***Note: China's amendments are in Blue**

3. The Authority, in consultation with a Contractor, [and with the cooperation of States Parties to the Convention,] shall ensure, [~~to the extent possible,~~] that no other entity Contractor operates in the Contract Area for a different category of resources in a manner which might interfere with the rights granted to [or operations of] the Contractor.

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

Pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 4(c), of Annex III to the Convention, "Every approved plan of work shall confer on the operator, in accordance with the rules, regulations and procedures of the Authority, the exclusive right to explore for and exploit the specified categories of resources in the area covered by the plan of work." Rather than "to the extent possible", the Authority "shall" ensure that such exclusive right is not affected by any possible interference of the operations of Contractors for other categories of resources. It is suggested to delete "to the extent possible", in order to be consistent with the Convention.