

**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 95 Issue of Guidelines

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**

4. Guidelines are only of a recommendatory nature, ~~yet Contractors shall ensure they are apprised of the Guidelines and take them into account in their performance of functions under these regulations and their contract. The observance of a Guideline by a Contractor may serve as supporting evidence of compliance by that Contractor with the relevant Rules of the Authority to which the Guideline relates. The Authority may also request applicants or Contractors to identify and explain departures from Guidelines~~.

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

The Guidelines are not mandatory, and the bracketed text, which requires Contractors to comply with the Guidelines and uses the observance of the Guidelines as evidence of compliance, conflicts with the "recommendatory" nature of the Guidelines and is suggested to be deleted.