

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 29TH 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:

President's Text

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.

DR 19

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 19 [President's Text]
Joint arrangements**

~~1. — Contracts may provide for joint arrangements between a Contractor and the Authority through the Enterprise, in the form of joint ventures or production sharing, as well as any other form of joint arrangement, which shall have the same protection against revision, suspension or termination as contracts with the Authority.~~

~~2. — The Council shall enable the Enterprise to engage in seabed mining effectively at the same time as the entities referred to in article 153, paragraph 2 (b), of the Convention.~~

**Regulation 19 Alt
Joint arrangements**

Before approving any contract with an entity referred to in article 153, paragraph 2(b), of the Convention, the Authority shall adopt Standards and Guidelines:

(a) providing for joint arrangements between a Contractor and the Enterprise, pursuant to article 11 of Annex III of the Convention; and

(b) in relation to financial terms, to further the objective of enabling the Enterprise to engage in seabed mining, pursuant to article 13(1)(e) of Annex III of the Convention.

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

- Germany supports the inclusion of DR 19ALT instead of 19. Joint arrangements are provided for under Art 11 of Annex III to the Convention. The details of joint arrangements between the Enterprise and Contractors deserve discussion and could be elaborated in Standards and Guidelines. The risk is that by postponing these discussions indefinitely, the Enterprise could remain excluded from activities in the Area, which would not be in line with the Convention and should hence be avoided.