

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART III**

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:

Republic of Nauru

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

Regulation 18(1)(b), (3), (4), (5), (5)bis and 7(d)

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.

1. (b) Exploit the specified Resource category in the Contract Area in accordance with the approved Plan of Work ~~and regulations 18bis and 18ter...~~

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 ~~whether~~ for a different category of ~~R~~resources ~~or otherwise~~ in a manner which might interfere with the rights granted to ~~for operations of~~ the Contractor.

4. An exploitation contract shall provide for security of tenure and shall not be revised, suspended, or terminated except in accordance with ~~Regulation 18.ter,~~ ~~the terms thereof.~~

5. An exploitation contract shall not confer any interest or right on a Contractor in or over any other part of the Area or its Resources [or any other part of the Marine Environment,] other than those rights expressly granted by the terms of the exploitation contract or these regulations ~~[nor limit any freedoms of the high seas].~~

~~[5.bis.—Adverse impacts from activities in the Area carried out under an Exploitation Contract must be limited to the Contract area.]~~

~~7(d) In order to progress from Exploration to Exploitation of a site within the Contract Area, where such Exploitation activity was not covered by the agreed Plan of Work, the Contractor must submit a new environmental impact statement and revised Plan of Work, in accordance with regulation [46.bis.] and which must be approved by the Authority in accordance with regulations [12 to 16].~~

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

Para 1(b): We see no rationale for singling out specific regulations here.

Para 3: addition of "whether" and "or otherwise" is to broaden the scope of this paragraph to cover a variety of other uses / users of the Area.

Para 4: the contract should be terminated in accordance with its terms. We suggest that “the terms thereof” is re-instated.

Para 5: the phrase “nor limit any freedoms of the high seas” is unnecessary here as it is already dealt with in the regulations.

Para 5bis: this regulation is not appropriately placed here and should be deleted.

Para 7(d): this sub-paragraph is unnecessary. The matter contemplated will be dealt with by the material change to a work plan provisions.