## TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> 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 <u>council@isa.org.jm</u>.

- 1. Name of Working Group: Institutional matters
- 2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal: Norway
- 3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

Regulation 91

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. Upon expiration of an exploitation contract, t Upon expiration of an exploitation contract, or if an application for renewal is refused after the original expiration date, upon the date of the refusal, or if an exploitation contract is terminated before its expiration date, upon the date of the termination, the Contractor shall transfer to the Authority, to the extent feasible within [alt 1. 90][alt 2. 180] Days, all data and information that are required for the effective exercise of the powers and functions of the Authority in respect of the Contract Area, in accordance with the provisions of this regulation and the Standard taking into account the Guidelines.

1 bis. The Contractor may seek advice from the Commission with regards to the data and information that is required pursuant to this regulation, and the Commission will report to the Council in relation to any such advice provided.

[2. Upon termination of an exploitation contract, the Contractor and the Secretary-General shall consult together and, taking into account the Guidelines, the Secretary-General shall specify the data and information to be submitted to the Authority [within 90 Days].]

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

Norway proposes additional wording in (1) to account for the scenarios where an application for renewal is refused, or an exploitation contract is terminated before its expiration date. We are flexible on the specific wording, but the final version must also cover these scenarios.

Norway does not necessarily see the need for a Standard here.

Norway wishes to retain the original (2) which stipulates a clear procedure. The proposed (1bis) has a less clear scope and we question the need for it if para 2 is retained.