

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH 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.im.

1. Name of Working Group:

President's Text

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

The Pew Charitable Trusts

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

DR 30

*Blue font are proposed amendments by the Council President.

*Pew's amendments are indicated as in-line edits in red font.

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) All vessels, including crewed submersibles, and Installations [engaged in] [employed] in Exploitation activities have an appropriate class designation and shall remain in class for the duration of the exploitation contract.

2 bis. For the purposes of paragraph 2, international maritime safety and navigational rules shall apply to all ships on all voyages engaged in activities in the Area.

5 (c) Records of the experience, training and qualifications of all of its personnel with data aggregated by gender are kept and made available to the Secretary-General upon request.

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

Para 1: We suggest that crewed submersibles should be expressly referenced in this sub-paragraph (b), in case it is not clear whether they would fall within the scope of 'vessels'.

Para 2: We note that this paragraph (2) does not cross-reference DR30(3), which recognises that these international rules are usually applied to individual ships and installations via national laws of the flag State, and wonder how this will operate in practice; would certification from a flag State who has ratified relevant conventions be sufficient to evidence compliance under this DR30(2), or would additional independent assessment still be required (as the regulation's current drafting suggests)? The ISA's

Technical Study 25 noted that there may be a loop-hole whereby ships that depart and return to the same port are classed as conducting domestic voyages, and thus evade coverage by international convention rules. Hence we propose a new DR30(2 bis) to cover this point. this would read:

Para 5: In sub-paragraph (c), we suggest that the data should be disaggregated by gender. Mining is renowned as one of the worst sectors globally for gender diversity. In adopting SDG 5, States agreed to work to ‘achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls’ (in all sectors). Taking informed decisions, and tracking success towards that goal is difficult if gender-disaggregated data are not available.