

**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 [council@isa.org.jm](mailto:council@isa.org.jm).

**1. Name of Working Group:**

IWG – Institutional matters

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

Submitted by Nauru Ocean Resources Inc., Tonga Offshore Mining Ltd. and Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd.

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

Draft Regulation 9

**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.**

The Secretary-General shall:

(a) Acknowledge in writing, within ~~{alt 1. 7}{alt 2. 14}{alt 3. 30}~~ Days, receipt of every application for approval of a Plan of Work submitted under this Part, specifying the date of receipt;

(b) Place the application, together with the attachments and annexes thereto, in safe custody and ensure the confidentiality of all Confidential Information contained in the application; and

(c) Within 30 Days of receipt of an application for approval of a Plan of Work submitted under this Part, **and upon confirming that it is complete in accordance with regulation 10(1):**

~~(i) Notify the members of the Authority of the receipt of such application and circulate to them the contents of the application save for any Confidential Information contained in the application along with notice of the determination made, if any, pursuant to regulation 10 as to whether the applicant has preference and priority; and~~

**\_{i alt) Notify the members of the Authority of the receipt of such application and circulate to them information of a general nature which is not confidential regarding the application, and information enabling them to access a non-confidential version of the application; and}**

(ii) Notify the members of the Commission and the Finance Committee of receipt of such application.

*[Facilitators' note: previous paragraph 9(2), relating to the LTC consideration of an application has been moved to regulation 11(1 bis)].*

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

- We consider that 7 days is a sufficient period of time for the Secretary-General to merely acknowledge its receipt of an application. It is unclear why anything more than 7 days would be needed given this does not require any analysis or consideration of the application, merely acknowledgment of the fact of receipt.
- In relation to the Secretary-General notifying members of the Authority of the application, we support the alternative sub-paragraph 9(c)(i alt). It ensures members will receive information regarding the application and the opportunity to access a non-confidential version of the application.