

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION: COUNCIL -
PART III**

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

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Draft Regulation aft Regulation 14(1)

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. At any **reasonable** time prior to making its recommendation to the Council and as part of its consideration of an application under regulation 12, the Commission may: [...]

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

- We support the insertion of “reasonable” into Draft Regulation 14(1) to ensure that the Commission’s requests to applicants are fair and able to be complied with.

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Draft Regulation 14(2) and (3)

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2. Where the Commission makes a request under paragraph (1), the Commission shall provide to the applicant a brief justification and rationale for such a request. The applicant must respond **within the timeframe requested by the Commission, which shall be at least 90 days, 90 Days following receipt of such [proposal a request] from the Commission** by agreeing to the request, rejecting the request, or making an alternative proposal for the **Commission’s consideration**.

3. The timeframe referred to in regulation 12(2) shall be extended by the timeframe determined by the Commission pursuant to paragraph (1~~2~~).

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- We support the Commission being able to set a timeframe for responses under Draft Regulation 14(2) with a minimum timeframe being set at 90 days. This will ensure applicants have sufficient time to properly consider and prepare responses to requests and are provided procedural fairness.
- We also note that the reference in Draft Regulation 14(3) should refer to paragraph 2 rather than paragraph 1.