

**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.jm.

1. Name of Working Group:

President's Text

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 Reg. 17(3)

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.

Regulation 17

The exploitation contract

[...]

3. The exploitation contract and its schedules is a public document, and shall be published ~~{without delay}~~/~~{7 days}~~ in the Seabed Mining Register, except for Confidential Information, which shall be redacted

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

- We consider it is unhelpful to prescribe a set period of time for publication of the contracts under Draft Regulation 17(3).
- The time period may require flexibility depending on the precise content, circumstances and timing of the conclusion of the contract, including to protect any confidential elements.