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 <u>council@isa.org.jm</u>.

1. Name of Working Group: President's Text

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. 33(4.bis)
- 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.

[Alt.4.bis. The Secretary-General shall

(a) before issuing instructions under this regulation, request instruction from the Compliance Committee, and consult with the Sponsoring State or State, and other relevant State or international organisations, insofar as it is feasible to do so taking account of the urgency in the situation;

(b) follow any relevant Standards and Guidelines on the issue of instructions under this regulations:

(c) report such Incidents and measures taken to the Commission and the Council at their next available meeting.

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

- As per our previous submissions, we do not support the inclusion of Draft Regulation 33(4.bis). The procedure it contemplates is onerous and overly prescriptive for the purposes of the Draft Regulations.
- Instead, the Secretary-General should be left to evaluate and respond to reported Incidents in its normal course of business without having each step of its actions dictated by the regulations.