

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 29TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

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:

Institutional Matters

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

Russian Federation

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

Reg. 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.

(c) The Authority ~~and in cooperation with~~ sponsoring States shall ~~cooperate to~~ develop, ~~implement~~ ~~and ensure~~ effective and transparent communication, public information and public participation procedures ~~and ensure their implementation~~;

(d) The Authority shall consult and, where relevant cooperate, with Members of the Authority, including sponsoring States, ~~[relevant]~~ coastal States ~~{contiguous/adjacent/proximate to the Contract Area}~~, port States, flag States, as well as with competent international organizations ~~{and other relevant bodies as appropriate}~~, to develop measures to implement these regulations, including to:

(e) Contractors, the Enterprise, sponsoring States and members of the Authority shall cooperate with the Authority to inform decisions and recommendations on ~~in~~ the establishment and implementation of programmes to control and observe pollution and other hazards to ~~observe, measure, evaluate and analyse the impacts of Exploitation and related activities on~~ the Marine Environment in connection with activities in the Area including at the regional scale, to share the findings and results of such programmes with the Authority for wider dissemination and to extend such cooperation and collaboration to the implementation and further development of ~~on the~~ Best Environmental Practices in connection with activities in the Area;

(f) Members of the Authority, sponsoring States, Contractors, and the Enterprise shall, in conjunction with the Authority, cooperate among and with each other, ~~as well as with other Contractors and national and international scientific research and technology development agencies~~ with a view to:

(iii) share expertise in the fields of the collection, sampling, standardization, assessment and management of data and ~~Collaborating with the scientific community to identify and develop best practices and inform decisions and recommendations of the Authority in order to~~ improve existing standards and protocols with regard to the collection, sampling, standardization, assessment and management of data and information;

(g) In order to assist the Authority in carrying out its policy and duties under section 7 of the annex to the Agreement, Contractors and members of the Authority shall enable access to ~~[non-confidential]~~ information, upon the request by ~~the Secretary General [or the Council]~~, to facilitate the Authority's ~~preparation of studies on necessary analyses of~~ the ~~potential~~ impact of Exploitation in the Area on the economies of developing land-based producers of those Minerals ~~which are likely to be~~ most seriously affected. [The content of ~~any~~ such

~~studies analyses~~ shall be in accordance with specific terms of reference and any relevant Standards, and taking account of Guidelines

(h) The Council shall, taking into account recommendations by the Commission, adopt Standards ~~and Guidelines [concerning the duties mentioned in matters of~~ paras. (c) to (g)] ~~which establish requirements, obligations and procedural arrangements, including standardized data templates and methodology for data collection and analysis [within three years after the adoption of these regulations or before any Commercial Production commences, whichever takes place first].~~

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

It is one of the functions of the Authority to develop procedures (e.g. to ensure transparency) and rules and recommendations (including on monitoring of possible effects of activities in the Area on the marine environment). The Authority should also keep under review environmental practices to define and recommend Best Environmental Practices. At the same time Member States and contractors should be required to have effective communication with the Authority.

In para(e) we suggest to mention the term “Members” and its subcategories. In para. (g) we prefer word “analysis” to be in line with the wording of para. (h).