

**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. 4

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.

~~2. The Secretary General shall inform potentially affected coastal States, as identified in the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan, upon the submission of an application for Exploitation. Appropriate consultation and notification [alt 1. protocols] [alt 2. procedures][alt 3. Standards] shall be developed within three years after the adoption of these regulations or before any Commercial Production commences, whichever takes place first.~~

2 alt. The Council shall elaborate standardised criteria for the definition of potentially affected coastal States. Based on these criteria During the consideration of an application for Exploitation the Secretary-General Council shall define the list of potentially affected coastal States ~~and address the issue of the relevant rights of coastal States.~~

3. Contractors shall take in conformity with rules, regulations and procedures of the Authority all measures ~~required and necessary~~ to ensure that their activities are conducted so as not to cause harmful effects to the Marine Environment, including, but not restricted to, pollution, damage to the flora and fauna, interference with the ecological balance of the Marine Environment ~~including ecosystem structure, function and resilience~~ and other hazards to the Marine Environment in areas under the jurisdiction or sovereignty of coastal States, and that such harmful effects or pollution arising from Incidents or activities in its Contract Area are prevented, reduced and controlled ~~do not spread into areas under the jurisdiction or sovereignty of a coastal State.~~

4. Such measures by Contractors shall include:

(a) consulting with any potentially affected coastal State in accordance with Article 142 of the Convention, prior to submitting an application for approval of a Plan of Work]; and

(b) maintaining throughout the term of the contract:

(i) monitoring of potential transboundary impacts,

(ii) accurate and precise recording of the operational area in conformity with these Regulations; and

(iii) consultations with any potentially affected coastal State including through the Authority,

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

Para. 3 and 4 highlight obligations of Contractors established by the Authority. The wording is proposed to reflect it.

With respect to para. 4(iii) it seems important to keep the Authority informed, communications through the Secretary-General are of relevance for this purpose.