

**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:

IWG: IM.

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

Republic of Nauru

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

Regulation 11

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. ~~[(c) [Based on the assessment of the Commission, if necessary,] Establish an independent review team, making use of the roster of competent independent experts, if any, to provide comments on the Environmental Plans within the comment period.]~~

2. The Secretary-General shall, within seven Days following the closure of the comment period, provide all submissions received, ~~from members of the Authority, relevant adjacent coastal States, Stakeholders, the general public, the Commission],~~ and any comments from ~~the independent review team and] the Secretary-General to the applicant for its consideration~~ and publish all submissions and comments provided on the website of the Authority

~~[6. In preparing its report under paragraph (5), the Commission shall [alt. may] seek advice from competent independent experts as necessary. In such case, the Commission shall clarify the necessity of advice from experts and seek prior approval of the Council. The experts shall be selected and appointed in accordance with the applicable Standard Guidelines [alt. Annex {tbc}.]~~

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

Paras 1(c) and 2: we do not consider this necessary or appropriate. There may be aspects of the plans that the Commission will wish to seek expert advice on, and that is a matter for the Commission rather than the need to set up an independent review team.

Para 6: it will be for the Commission to determine whether it seeks advice. Experts by their nature should be competent.