## TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE $28^{TH}$ 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:

Open-ended Working Group of the Council on the Financial Terms of a Contract

- 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 Regulation 76
- 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.

3. The Secretary-General may, within 60 Days of the expiry of the period prescribed in paragraph 2 above, and after giving due consideration to any information submitted under paragraph 2, make an assessment of any royalty liability that the Secretary-General considers ought to be levied in accordance with this Part.

4. The Secretary-General shall provide the Contractor with written notice of any proposed assessment under paragraph 3 above. The Contractor may make written representations to the Secretary-General within 60 Days of the date of such written notice. The Secretary-General shall consider such representations and shall confirm or revise the assessment made under paragraph 3 above.

4bis. If the Contractor is not satisfied with the Secretary-General's confirmation or revision of the assessment, the Contractor may request a review of that decision in writing and provide any further information the Contractor wishes the Secretary-General to consider within 30 Days of a decision being made. The Secretary-General shall then re-consider and either affirm, revise, or revoke the assessment, taking into account the further information provided by the Contractor, within 60 Days.

5. The Contractor shall pay any such royalty liability within 30 Days of the date of the determination made by the Secretary-General under paragraph 4 or, where applicable, paragraph 4bis.

- 5. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150-word limit]
- We support the inclusion of Dispute Resolution 76(4bis), which allows for an internal administrative review process regarding these assessment. This will help to avoid

invoking costly and time-consuming formal dispute resolution procedures under the Convention.