

**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(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Russian Federation

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

Reg. 10

3. 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. In case there is a potential applicant who **claims** preference and priority in the same area and same Resource category under **an Exploration contract in accordance with Article 10 of Annex III to the Convention**, the Secretary-General shall, **before progressing the original application further, request confirmation of the intention of such a potential applicant to apply for approval of a Plan of Work for exploitation within 30 Days of the original applicant’s application. The new applicant shall then lodge their application within a further 60-[180] [270] Days; and the Secretary General shall consider the additional application in accordance with Regulation 10(1) and (2).]**

~~[3. Alt. In case an application is lodged for the same area for which an operator has preference and priority in accordance with Article 10 of Annex III first sentence, the Secretary General shall, after having made the determinations under paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Regulation, forward the application to the Commission. The Commission shall make a recommendation as to whether the operator’s performance has not been satisfactory in accordance with Article 10 of Annex III based on which the Council shall decide whether the operator’s preference and priority shall be withdrawn in accordance with Article 10 of Annex III second sentence.]~~

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

3: The term of 60 days is too short, in our view