

**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. 11

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.

Publication and review of the Environmental Plans ~~and~~
~~Environmental Management Systems~~
~~Alt. Publication, notification, and review of the Application~~

1. The Secretary-General shall, within 7 Days after determining that an application for the approval of a Plan of Work is ready to progress pursuant to Regulation 10:

(a) Taking into account the confidentiality of the data, place the ~~application, the~~ Environmental Plans and ~~all~~ non-confidential ~~parts of Test Mining Study, if applicable, documentation~~ submitted ~~and associated~~ ~~with it~~, including any supporting material] on the Authority’s website for a period of ~~90~~ ~~Days~~ ~~consideration of an application by the Authority~~, and notify and invite members of the Authority, ~~relevant adjacent coastal States,~~ ~~[and any other States adjacent to the Exploitation Area when they are potentially the most affected States],~~ Stakeholders, ~~[and the general public]~~ to submit comments in writing within 90 Days, in accordance with the applicable Standards and taking into consideration Guidelines. ~~[All comments shall be published at the Authority’s website.~~

~~[(b) Request the Commission to provide its comments on the Environmental Plans and the non-confidential parts of the Test Mining study within the 90 Day comment period.]~~

~~[(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 bis The applicant shall consider the comments provided pursuant to paragraph 1 and shall, as appropriate, revise the ~~[Application]~~ ~~Environmental Plans~~ or provide responses to the ~~relevant and~~ substantive comments, ~~as to how they were taken into account~~ and submit any revisions and responses to the Secretary-General within a period of ~~30-60~~ Days following ~~the providing of the comments by the Secretary-General. The 60-Days’ time period could be extended by the Secretary-General after considering a reasonable request by the applicant before the time period of 60 Days expires for an extension of the period due to the time required to revise the plans or responses. Notice of the extension of the period shall be posted on the Authority’s website. the close~~ of the comment period or such longer period as determined by the Secretary General following a request by the applicant.

2 ter The Secretary-General shall provide ~~the Environmental Plans, non-confidential parts of Test Mining Study, if applicable,~~ comments submitted pursuant to paragraph 1(a), ~~together with any responses by the applicant provided pursuant to paragraph 2 bis, and any relevant additional information to the Commission and request the Commission to provide its~~

comments on the Environmental Plans and non-confidential parts of Test Mining Study, if applicable, within the 90 Days.

~~and any revisions and responses to comments submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 bis, to the Commission.~~

3. The Commission shall, as part of its examination of an application under Regulation 12 and assessment of applicants under Regulation 13, examine the Environmental Plans and non-confidential parts of Test Mining Study, if applicable, the comments submitted under paragraph 1(a), together with any revisions and responses provided by the applicant under paragraph 2 bis, and any additional information provided by the Secretary-General under paragraph 2, and provide comments to the Secretary-General.

3ter. The roster of competent recognized experts in the field of the protection of the marine environment selected on the basis of their significant experience in a particular deep sea environment or technology sector could be established by the Council as assistance to the Commission in choice of the experts. The Commission may consult with other competent experts too.

3 quat. The Secretary-General shall, within seven Days following the receiving comments from the Commission, provide them to the applicant and publish them on the Website of the Authority.

3 quin. The applicant shall consider the comments provided pursuant to paragraph (3) and shall revise the Environmental Plans or provide responses in reply to the substantive comments, and shall submit any revised plans or responses to the Secretary -General within a period of 60 Days following the providing of the comments by the Secretary-General. The 60-Days' time period could be extended by the Secretary-General after considering a reasonable request by the applicant before the time period of 60 Days expires for an extension of the period due to the time required to revise the plans or responses. Notice of the extension of the period shall be posted on the Authority's website.

~~the comments submitted under paragraph 1, together with any revisions and responses provided by the applicant under paragraph 2 bis, and any additional information provided by the Secretary-General under paragraph 2.~~

5. The Commission shall prepare a report on the Environmental Plans and non-confidential parts of Test Mining Study, if applicable ~~{Plan of Work and the accompanying plans and information}~~, which shall be published at the Authority's website ~~{subject to the redaction of any Confidential Information as may be necessary}~~, and shall be included as part of the reports and recommendations to the Council pursuant to Regulation 15. The report shall include:

(d) any amendments or modifications to the ~~application~~ Environmental Plans recommended by the Commission under Regulation 14 and changes subsequently made to application documents by the applicant; and

~~{6. In preparing its report under paragraph 5, the Commission may seek advice from competent independent experts as necessary. The experts shall be selected and appointed taking into account the relevant Guidelines.~~

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

It would be more useful if the Commission considers an Environmental Plan after Stakeholders Consultations.