

**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. 15

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.

1. If the Commission determines that the application meets the criteria set out in Regulations 12(4) and 13, it shall recommend approval of the Plan of Work to the Council.

~~{1. Alt. If the Commission determines that the applicant meets the criteria set out in regulation 13, it [shall][may] recommend approval of the Plan of Work to the Council.}~~

2. The Commission shall not recommend approval of a proposed Plan of Work if:

~~(a) the Plan of Work does not comply with, or the Commission is unable to determine whether the Plan of Work complies with, [either alone or in combination with other activities and impacts], all requirements stipulated in Regulation 13 [including because of scientific uncertainty or inadequate information]~~

~~(b){(iv) an Area of Particular Environmental Interest or any other protected site disapproved for exploitation by the Council; [for that sets a spatial or temporal protective measure], as determined indicated in the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan;}~~

~~{(v) any other area designated for preservation for reasons of special biological, scientific, archaeological, historic, cultural, aesthetic or wilderness significance;}~~

~~{(c) Such approval would undermine or contradict [the Strategic Environmental Goals or Objectives pursuant to [Regulation 44 ter] or the regional goals, objectives or measures set out in the [relevant] applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan.}~~

~~{(d) Such approval would pose a reasonable risk of damage to an in-service or planned submarine cable or pipeline, or cause undue interference with the freedom to lay submarine cables and pipelines when considered in conjunction with other approved Plans of Work [or is otherwise unable to give reasonable regard to other marine users in the area under application.}~~

~~{(e) There is inadequate, [insufficient] or substandard environmental baseline~~

~~information for the area covered by the proposed Plan of Work, or any part of that area.]~~

2 bis The Commission shall not recommend approval of a proposed Plan of Work if the applicant, ~~its controlling shareholder or shareholders~~ or its predecessor in law previously violated the general obligations of contractors in a non-negligible way.

3. [(c) Such approval would permit a State party or entities sponsored by it to Monopolize or significantly control the production of any single Mineral or metal produced globally.]

4. If the Commission determines ~~that it will not recommend approval of the Plan of Work [for any reason]/[pursuant to paragraphs (1)-(3)]~~the Commission shall inform the applicant in writing, providing the reasons why ~~[any requirements set out in Regulation 13 have not been met or why the Commission has been unable to make a determination, and shall~~ provide the applicant with a further opportunity to make representations within 90 Days of the date of notification to the applicant. During this period the Commission shall not make a recommendation to the Council on the application.

6. The Commission may refuse an application and return it to the applicant. The Commission must provide reasons for refusing an application, including a summary of the deliberations of the Commission specifying what inputs have been taken into account and how these have been assessed, as well as divergences of opinion within the Commission, if any.

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

We prefer para 1

2(b)(v) is covered by 2(b)(iv) thus we suggest deleting it

2(c), (d), (e) follows from 2(a) thus we suggest deleting them

2bis: There is no official statistics on shareholders. IT is proposed to delete this concept. It is unclear what 'a non-negligible way' means in this case, the clarification is needed.

3(c): The criteria of significant control to be elaborated