

**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. 18

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. An Exploitation Contract shall confer on a Contractor the exclusive right to:

(a) Explore for the specified Resource category in accordance with these Regulations, and the approved Plan of Work; and

(b) Exploit the specified Resource category in the Contract Area in accordance with [these Regulations and](#) the approved Plan of Work.

4. An Exploitation Contract shall provide for security of tenure and shall not be revised, suspended, or terminated except in accordance with [the terms set out in articles 18 and 19 of the Annex III of the Convention](#).
~~Regulation 18.ter.~~

5. An Exploitation Contract shall not confer any interest or right on a Contractor in or over any other part of the Area or its Resources ~~or any other part of the Marine Environment~~, other than those rights expressly granted by the terms of the Exploitation Contract or these Regulations ~~[nor limit any freedoms of the high seas].~~

6. The Contractor shall, subject to Regulation 20, have the exclusive right to apply for ~~Aan -renewal-extension~~ of its Exploitation Contract.

7. In relation to Exploration activities in the Contract Area conducted under an Exploitation Contract [the applicable Exploration Regulations shall continue to apply](#).

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~~(a)~~The Contractor:

~~(a)~~ ~~may~~ [May](#) conduct Exploration activities within the Contract Area, in accordance with the proposed Exploration programme included in the Mining Workplan;

~~(b)~~ ~~The applicable Exploration Regulations shall continue to apply and the Contractor s~~ [Shall](#) exercise due diligence in conducting Exploration activities in the Contract Area and shall report the results of its Exploration activities to the Authority in accordance with Regulation 38(2)(k) and applicable Standards, taking into consideration Guidelines; and

(c) The Contractor shall also take into account:

~~(i) any recommendations issued by the Commission pursuant to the Exploration Regulations; and~~

~~(ii) provisions of the Exploration Regulations that relate to the Protection and Preservation of the marine environment, and environmental baselines and monitoring.]~~

7bis. In order to proceed with ~~progress from Exploration to~~ Exploitation on a site within the Contract Area, where such Exploitation activity was not covered by the agreed Plan of Work, the Contractor must submit a new environmental impact statement and revised Plan of Work, in accordance with regulation [48.bis.] and which must be approved by the Authority in accordance with regulations [11 to 16].

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

7(c): these are general provisions. They follow from applying of the Exploration Regulation to exploration during exploitation

7bis: we would like to clarify the procedure regarding new Mining areas within the Contract area