

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 29<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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. 18bis

**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. ~~A Contractors~~ shall comply with ~~the applicable obligations created by the provisions of Convention, the Agreement, these Regulations and other rules, regulations and procedures of the Authority, the decisions of the organs of the Authority and the terms of its Exploitation contract with the Authority~~

~~the terms and conditions of their Exploitation Contract and the rules, regulations and procedures of the Authority, in a manner consistent with the Convention and the Agreement.~~

1. bis A Contractor shall carry out activities under a Plan of Work ~~in accordance taking into account with~~ Good Industry Practice, Best Available Scientific Information and Best Environmental Practices, ~~as defined by the Council~~, using appropriately qualified and adequately supervised personnel ~~and shall~~ continually identify and implement solutions that reflect the most up to date Best Available Scientific Information and Best Available Techniques.

~~[1. ter Contractors shall comply with the national laws, Regulations and administrative measures of the Sponsoring State or States made pursuant to Articles 139 and 153(4) of the Convention and Article 4(4) of Annex III to the Convention.]~~

~~[1. quat Contractors shall throughout the term of their contract, for the purposes of activities in the Area and ancillary activities, only use vessels flagged to registries of States that are States Parties to the Authority, and only use ports located in States that are States Parties to the Authority. In cases where the Contractor seeks to use flags or ports of non member States of the Authority, the prior approval of the Council is required and is conditional upon receiving a written commitment from such nonmember State or States to enforce the rules, regulations and procedures of the Authority against the Contractor and to cooperate with the Authority for the purposes of securing compliance with the rules, regulations and procedures of the Authority, where required.]~~

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

1: The suggested hierarchy of acts is more correct

1bis: The content of Good Industry Practice, Best Available Scientific Information and Best environmental Practices is a matter of substance and should be subject to the Council's decisions. The last part of this paragraph is excessive.

1quat: We have doubts regarding subparagraph 1quat: the UNCLOS does not include such requirements. At the same time, we guess that it is a responsibility of contractor to ensure an access of inspectors to his ships and facilities and performance of other compliance procedures irrespective of their flag, port, etc