

**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. 31

**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. Contractors shall ~~consistent with any applicable Standards and taking into consideration Guidelines,~~ carry out [Exploration and] exploitation {activities} under an Exploitation Contract with reasonable regard for other activities and infrastructure in the Marine Environment, in accordance with Articles ~~87 and~~ 147 of the Convention, ~~the Plan of Work] and the approved Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan, [Regional Environmental Management Plan] and Closure Plan [and any applicable international rules and standards established by competent international organizations].~~

1. bis ~~Each Contractor shall exercise due diligence to ensure that it does not cause damage to known submarine cables or pipelines or interfere with other activities in the Contract Area or surrounding Marine Environment.~~ In particular, the Contractor shall:

(a) ~~Comply with the measures it agreed with the operators undertaking other [activities in the Contract Area and of submarine cables and pipelines] to reduce the risk of damage to any in-service cables and pipelines;~~

(a) bis Identify current and planned, if possible, uses or activities in the Marine Environment transiting, overlapping, or proximate to the Contract Area through publicly available data and resources and any other reasonable means, including but not limited to marine scientific research, existing submarine cables or pipelines, fishing, navigation, activities related to marine genetic resources, ~~and environmental protection measures and area-based management tools established or proposed by competent international organizations;~~

(a) ter Coordinate through the Secretary-General or directly with the responsible organisations for, or operators of, these activities in the Marine Environment in order to reduce the risk of interference in the Contractor’s activities including to provide information on the safety zones, as well as to reduce the risk of interference with those uses as a result of the Contractors’ activities~~and damage to any structure or the Marine Environment;~~ and

~~(a) —~~ Undertake measures to reduce the risk of damage to any in-service cables and  
~~(b)(a)~~ Pipelines, including the measures it agreed with the operators undertaking other uses of the sea

2. bis The Authority shall get in contact with relevant international organisations or operators of activities in the Marine Environment in order to reduce the risk of interference in the Contractor’s activities including by providing information on the safety zones, and in order to reduce the risk of interference in the navigation, fisheries activities or maintenance of cable and pipelines.

2. To further the due and reasonable regard obligations in Articles ~~87 and~~ 147 of the Convention, the [Secretary-General], in conjunction with member States, shall facilitate early-stage coordination between the Contractors and the proponents of the other known activities in the marine environment. ~~including through the identification of o~~Other marine users ~~could be identified~~ in the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan, which shall be periodically updated. Where the relevant other activities involve competent international, regional, or sectoral bodies, the Authority shall, in conjunction with member States, cooperate with such bodies to inform on Contract ~~coordinate~~ activities and, where possible, to coordinate activities in the Marine Environment. ~~(b) Ensure that any activities it conducts will not interfere with the route of a planned submarine cable or pipeline, recognized sea lanes essential to international navigation, or areas of intense fishing activity.~~

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