

**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 of Working Group:

Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters

2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Submitted by Nauru Ocean Resources Inc., Tonga Offshore Mining Ltd. and Blue Minerals Jamaica Ltd.

3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.

Draft Regulation 13(4), (5bis); Draft Regulation 16(3)

4. 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.

Regulation 13 [IWG IM]

Assessment of applications

4. The Commission shall determine if the proposed Plan of Work foreseeably contributes to realizing the benefits for humankind as a whole and ~~complies is consistent~~ with the fundamental policies and principles contained in Regulation 2, and;

[...]

(e) [...] [For this purpose, the Commission shall determine whether the Plan of Work and accompanying plans and information demonstrate that:

(i) the ~~application for a draft~~ Plan of Work is based on adequate environmental baseline data, in accordance with applicable Standards and taking into consideration Guidelines;

[...]

5 bis The Commission shall determine whether the ~~application for a draft~~ Plan of Work and the accompanying plans and information demonstrate that the proposed activities will not interfere with any cultural rights or interests.

Regulation 16 [IWG IM]

Consideration and approval of Plans of Work

3. Alt. The Council shall, when approving a Plan of Work, request the Secretary-General to ensure that the contract to be concluded incorporates all conditions outlined in the ~~application for a draft~~ Plan of Work and the accompanying plans, as well as any additional conditions requested by the Commission or the Council.

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

- We have identified three references to “draft Plan of Work” in the Draft Regulations. These references risk confusion as to which document is referred to given it is not used consistently nor is it defined.
- We propose that the wording is substituted with “application for a Plan of Work” throughout the Draft Regulations for clarity.