

**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:** Australia

2. **Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

DR18ter – termination of an Exploitation Contract

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.**

Termination of an Exploitation Contract

1. An Exploitation Contract can only be terminated:
 - (a) By ~~[all parties to the contract by]~~ the mutual consent of the parties;
 - (b) ~~by the~~ By reason of termination of State sponsorship, pursuant to in accordance with Regulation 21 and without the Contractor having secured an alternative sponsorship;
 - (c) By the Contractor in accordance with the terms of the contract, as covered by section 10 of the Annex X to these Regulations; [and]/[or]
 - (d) By the Authority in accordance with the terms of the contract, as covered by section 12 of the Annex X to these Regulations; ~~;-or~~
- ~~(a) by expiry of the term of the contract, without renewal.~~
2. Any ~~suspension-or~~ termination of a contract by the Authority shall be by written notice to the Contractor, through the Secretary-General, which shall include a statement of the reasons for taking such action. The ~~suspension-or~~ termination shall be effective 60 Days after such written notice, unless the Contractor within such period disputes the Authority’s right to ~~suspend-or~~ terminate the contract in accordance with Part XI, Section 5, of the Convention, in which case the contract shall only be ~~suspended-or~~ terminated in accordance with a final binding decision in accordance with Part XI, Section 5, of the Convention.

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

Australia proposes removing all references to 'suspension' in this regulation. For the sake of clarity and precise drafting, this regulation should be limited to instances of termination only. Processes for suspension are more appropriately dealt with under DR29bis.