

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 30<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:** Australia
  
- 2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

DR14 – Amendments to the proposed Plan of Work

- 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.**

Note: Proposed text shown in green.

1. At any ~~reasonable~~ time prior to making its recommendation to the Council and as part of its consideration of an application under Regulation 12, the Commission may:
  - (a) Request the applicant to provide additional information on any aspect of the application prior to making a recommendation; and
  - (b) Request the applicant to amend its Plan of Work, or propose specific amendments for consideration by the applicant where such amendments are considered necessary to bring the Plan of Work into conformity with the requirements of these Regulations.
2. Where the Commission makes a request under paragraph 1, the Commission shall provide to the applicant a brief justification and rationale for such a request. The applicant must respond ~~within 90 Days after the receipt of the request,~~ ~~by agreeing to the request,~~ ~~rejecting the request, or making an alternative proposal for the Commission's consideration.~~ within 90 Days after the receipt of the request, by agreeing to the request, rejecting the request, or making an alternative proposal for the Commission's consideration.
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4. The ~~{alt.1 Secretary-General}~~ ~~{alt 2. Commission}~~ shall publish any amendment, additional information, or revised application received pursuant to paragraph 2 ~~at~~ on the website, and where these are

significant, shall provide an opportunity for public consultation in accordance with Regulation 11.

5. The Commission shall then ~~in light of~~ take into account the applicant's response under paragraph 1 and any responses received from public consultation under paragraph 4 ~~into account~~ in making its recommendations to the Council.

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

Australia supports deleting 'reasonable' in paragraph (1) to avoid any implication that the Commission will be time limited or blocked from requesting further information, despite it determining that information it is necessary to reach a recommendation

Australia supports the edits in paragraph (2) to standardise the timeframe for the applicant to respond. The proposed deletions in paragraph (2) are to clarify that it is not open to the applicant to decide whether the Commission requires further information.

Australia supports reinserting paragraphs (4) and (5) on the basis that they were supported by the majority of delegations that intervened in respect of DR14 at the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council.