

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 30TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART II**

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:

Canada

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

DR 27 Commencement of Commercial Production

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.

4. The definition of commencement of Commercial Production as provided for pursuant to this Regulation shall apply to exploitation activities in the Area, without prejudice to activities in other areas of the seabed and subsoil thereof.

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

Canada submitted a proposal ahead of Part I of the 30th Session of the ISA Council in which it proposed adding a paragraph to DR 27 that makes explicit that any definition for ‘commencement of commercial production’ applies exclusively to activities in the Area. This is to ensure that any definition in this regard adopted by the ISA does not prejudice the sovereign rights of Coastal States that may adopt alternative definitions applicable to the exploitation of non-living resources of the seabed on within their national jurisdiction. Canada is resubmitting this proposal to ensure that it is retained in the subsequent version of the President’s Consolidated Text.