

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 30TH 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:

Norway

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

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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. The Contractor shall ensure at all times that:

(a) All vessels, ~~[crewed submersibles]~~ and Installations engaged in Exploitation activities are in good repair, in a safe and sound condition in accordance with the requirements, specifications and preventive or corrective maintenance plans of the respective manufacturers, and adequately [crewed], and comply with paragraphs 2 and 3 below; and

(b) All vessels, ~~[crewed submersibles]~~ and Installations [engaged] in Exploitation activities have an appropriate class designation and shall remain in class for the duration of the Exploitation Contract.

~~2. bis. For the purpose of paragraph 2, international maritime safety and navigational rules shall apply to all ships on all voyages engaged in activities in the Area.~~

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

The internationally recognized terms are “vessels” and “installations”, and all entities in use will thus be covered by either vessel or installation. These are also the terms used in UNCLOS, together with “structures” and “artificial islands”, which are of less relevance here. Norway asks that the insertion “crewed submersibles” be deleted.

Norway supports the insertion of para 1 c.

To para 2 bis: We are uncertain how this para relates to applicable international law. Phrases like “all ships on all voyages” are not commonly used in the regulations, and maritime activities are duly regulated through the International Maritime Organisation. We propose to delete 2 bis. as to not create any uncertainty.