## 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.

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

Norway

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

DR 34: Notification of Incidents and Notifiable Events

 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.

## **Notification of Incidents and Notifiable Events**

1. A Contractor shall immediately notify in an appropriate format its Sponsoring State or States and the Secretary-General of the occurrence of any Incidents or Notifiable Events that have led to, or under slightly altered circumstances, could have led to

<u>a. death,</u>

b. serious and acute injury,

c. acute life-threatening illness,

d. serious impairment or discontinuance of safety related functions [or barriers], so that the integrity of the [facility / vessel or installation] is threatened, e. acute pollution.

The notification shall be confirmed in writing.

- 2. In the event of Incidents or Notifiable Events, but of a less serious or less acute nature, the Contractor shall submit written notification to its Sponsoring State or States and the Secretary-General on the first [workday] after the situation took place or was discovered.
- 3. Until situations as mentioned in paragraph 1 and 2 are normalized, the Contractor shall keep its Sponsoring State or States and the Secretary-General continuously

<u>updated on the development of the situation, and of the measures it plans to</u> implement.

Before the normalization is concluded following an Incident or Notifiable Event, the Secretary-General shall be notified.

The Sponsoring State or States and the Secretary-General shall be notified if, after the normalization, information comes to light that shows that the Incident or Notifiable Event was more serious than previously reported.

- 4. Upon receipt of notification under paragraph 2, the Secretary-General shall consult with the Sponsoring State or States, States adjacent to the Contract Area [likely to be affected] [and other regulatory authorities as necessary.,] [and shall seek the instructions of the Compliance Committee/Council.]
- 5. Where a complaint is made to a Contractor concerning a matter covered by these Regulations, the Contractor shall record the complaint and shall report it to the Secretary-General within 7 Days of the complaint being received.

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

We suggest placing all notification requirements related to Incidents and Notifiable Events in this regulation. The headline of Regulation 34 would then be "Notification of Incidents and Notifiable Events", and would relate to both serious, acute incidents, which should be notified immediately, and events of less serious or less acute character, that could be notified in writing the next day.

We also suggest having some wording on what constitutes an Incident or Notifiable Event, as mentioned by Costa Rica and France, and how the Contractor should keep the Secretary-General and the Sponsor States updated during the normalization phase after an incident has occurred.

Information to Coastal States or other parties should be given from the Secretary-General, as the Contractor must concentrate on addressing the incident.