

**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.im.

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

Russian Federation

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

Reg. 13

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.

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(c) The applicant and, if applicable its parent company, legal predecessor, senior management and controlling shareholders, have satisfactorily discharged their obligations to the Authority, including having a satisfactory record of past performance both within the Area and in ~~national~~ ~~other~~ jurisdictions;

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(d) The applicant has proposed an Environmental Performance Guarantee whose amount and form is assessed by the Commission to be adequate, and in conformity with the requirements of Regulation 26 and the applicable Standard, and taking into consideration ~~any~~ Finance Committee report or the Guidelines.

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(d) Established the necessary risk assessment and risk management systems to effectively implement the proposed Plan of Work in accordance with ~~these Regulations and taking into account~~ Good Industry Practice, Best Available techniques, Best Available Scientific Information, and Best Environmental Practices, ~~and these Regulations~~, including the technology and procedures to meet health, safety and environmental requirements for the activities proposed in the Plan of Work;

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(b) Whether the Sponsoring State has enacted ~~national~~ ~~domestic~~ legislation covering activities in the Area that:

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~~(iii) does not contain provisions that exempt liability of the sponsored entity from a cause of action that may result from its conduct of activities in the Area.~~

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6. [If the applicant meets the criteria set out in paragraphs 1-5.] ~~t~~The Commission shall determine whether the application meets the following criteria:

(b) The application is in conformity with these Regulations, the applicable Standards, ~~and takes into consideration~~ the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan and ~~takes into consideration~~ Guidelines;

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7. In considering whether an application provides for benefits for humankind as a whole, the Commission shall determine:

~~(a) Whether the Plan of Work will provide optimum revenue to the Authority, and taking into account negative externalities caused by any damage to the Marine Environment, will benefit humankind as a whole;~~

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(b) Whether the Plan of Work is consistent with ~~[the fundamental policies and] [the approached,]~~ principles ~~[and policies]~~ contained in Regulation 2;

~~(c) Whether the Plan of Work provides for the effective Protection of human life, and health and safety of individuals engaged in Exploitation, in accordance with the rules, regulations and procedures adopted by the Authority.~~

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~~8. (v) where other marine users are identified in relation to the area under application whether listed in the Regional Environmental Management Plan or identified by some other means, consult with those users to agree measures the Contractor will take to give reasonable regard to their activities pursuant to Regulation 31.~~

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9. In considering whether an application provides for effective Protection of the Marine Environment, the Commission shall determine:

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(a) Whether the Plan of Work demonstrates that it will meet ~~the Article 145 of the Convention, [the Authority's Strategic Environmental Goals and Objectives]~~ under Regulation 44ter, the regional environmental objectives and measures under the relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan, and the environmental thresholds in the applicable Standards, taking into consideration the cumulative effects of ~~all [Relevant] [Exploitation]~~ Activities ~~[and climate change]~~;

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~~(c) Whether the Plan of Work demonstrates that:~~

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(i) it is based on adequate ~~and sufficient~~ environmental baseline data, in accordance with applicable Standards and taking into consideration the Guidelines;

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~~[(iv) it will not cause Environmental Impacts outside of the relevant Contract Area and will not cause Environmental Impacts to any area designated by the Authority [or other relevant authority] as a protected area in terms that prohibit such impact];~~

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(viii) meets equivalent standards to relevant international rules with regards to any deliberate disposal ~~of from~~ vessels, platforms or other man-made structures at sea.

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~~(d) Whether the Plan of Work ensures effective Protection of the Marine Environment, in accordance with all applicable environmental requirements in the Convention, Agreement, and the rules, regulations and procedures of the Authority, taking into account:~~

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~~(i) Any Environmental [Impacts and Environmental] Effects of allowing the Exploitation activity;~~

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~~[(iv) The effects on human health that may arise from Environmental Effects];~~

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~~(vii) Traditional knowledge or cultural interests relevant to the Protection of the Marine Environment where appropriate;~~

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(viii) The matters set out at Regulation 46(3)(b);

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(ix) The assessment framework for Mining Discharges as set out in the ~~Standard Guidelines~~; and

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(x) Any relevant Standards and Guidelines developed in accordance with Regulations ~~45, 94 and 95~~;

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~~10. In determining whether an application provides for the protection of cultural rights or interests, the Commission shall [determine whether the application]:~~

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~~(a) [adequately identifies such cultural rights or interests];~~

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~~(b) Demonstrates that the Plan of Work will not interfere with any cultural rights or interests; and~~
~~(e) [Adjust text based on the outcome of the intersessional WG on this topic].~~

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

5(b)(3) is unclear

5(6): the choice of criteria of para 1-5 is unclear

7(a) is unclear.

7(c) is not an issue of benefits of humankind

9(c)viii: reference is unclear