

**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.im](mailto: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. 94

**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 Commission shall, ~~taking into account existing internationally accepted standards,~~ make recommendations to the Council on the adoption and revision of Standards relating to Exploitation activities in the Area, including standards relating to, inter alia:

(c) The Protection of the Marine Environment, including ~~standards or requirements~~ relating to the Environmental Impacts and Environmental Effects ~~[and impacts]~~ of Exploitation activities, ~~as referred to in Article 145 of the Convention.~~

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(b) A consistent approach by all parties to reduce Environmental Impacts and Environmental Effects and human health and safety risks to as low as reasonably practicable; and

2. The Council shall consider ~~{and provisionally adopt}~~, upon the recommendation of the Commission and taking into account ~~{comments}~~ submitted by Stakeholders during a public consultation, the Standards, ~~{including whether}~~ such Standards are consistent with the intent and purpose of the rules, regulations and procedures of the Authority, including the decisions of the Council and the Assembly and, to the extent relevant, developed on the basis of Best Available Scientific Evidence, Best Environmental Practices, Best Available Techniques, and Good Industry Practice. If the Council does not ~~{adopt}~~ such Standards, the Council shall return the Standards to the Commission for reconsideration in the light of the views expressed by the Council. The Standards ~~{adopted}~~ by the Council shall remain effective on a provisional basis until approved by

the Assembly or until amended by the Council in the light of any views expressed by the Assembly.

4. Standards or amendments thereto adopted by the Council shall be legally binding on Contractors, member States and the Authority from the date of their adoption and the Commission shall review these Standards at least every ~~five~~ years from the date of their adoption or revision and advise the Council, in the light of improved knowledge or technology ~~[and new contributions from Indigenous Peoples and local communities]~~, as to whether any revision is required~~.~~

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~~[4.ter. For the avoidance of doubt, compliance with Standards is a fundamental term of the Exploitation Contract, for the purposes of regulation 103.]~~

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5. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of these Regulations and the provisions of a Standard, the Regulations shall prevail. The Authority ~~[Council]~~ should be notified of the conflict.

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