

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

Republic of Nauru

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

Regulation 40

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.

It has been suggested to insert paragraphs 3 and 4 to handle the consequences of an act of corruption, bribe or attempted bribe. In addition, it has been suggested to introduce an ISA Ombudsperson that can handle cases where the Compliance Committee or its members potentially could be involved in allegations covered by paragraph 1.

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

We note the comments on a proposal to introduce an ISA Ombudsman role within the ISA in Regulation 40. If such a proposal is implemented, the scope of this role will need to be carefully considered to ensure it is efficiently implemented and is consistent with the Authority's existing structures and the roles of different bodies under UNCLOS.

An ISA Ombudsman would be a useful mechanism for allowing for a form of administrative review within the ISA's regulation of contractors. This would allow for quicker and simpler initial review of the Authority's decisions, without requiring resort to the more complex and expensive dispute resolution process of the Seabed Disputes Chamber.
