

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART II**

*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](mailto:council@isa.org.jm).*

**1. Name of Working Group:**  
IWG Institutional matters

**2. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**  
Belgium

**3. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**  
Draft Regulation 12

**4. 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.**

Regulation 12 – General

2. The Commission shall consider applications expeditiously and shall submit its reports and recommendations to the Council no later than ~~120~~180 Days from whichever date occurs later out of:

(a) the close of the comment period, in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(a), or

(b) the date of submission of a revised plan, in accordance with Regulation 11(2)ter.]

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

The draft regulations are imposing many obligations to the Legal and Technical Commission. Bearing in mind that at this stage, its members are not working full time for the LTC, a thorough review of the applications requires sufficient time. It should be advisable to consult the LTC members in term of realistic deadlines prior to decide on deadline which might become unrealistic. Belgium proposes a standard review within 180 days (instead of 120 days) and supports the idea of an additional term of 90 days in case the file is overly complex or incomplete.