

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART III**

**Informal Working Group on Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement**

*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:**

Informal Working Group on Institutional Matters

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

China

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

Regulation 10 Preliminary review of application by the Secretary-General

**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.**

**\*Note: China’s amendments are in Blue**

1 ter. alt. Should there be more than one application for the same area and same Resource category, the Secretary-General shall determine [Commission shall make recommendations to the Council on] whether the applicant has preference and priority in accordance with Article 10 of Annex III to the Convention.

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

Regarding paragraph 1, We recommend choosing 1 ter. alt instead of 1 ter. The Secretary-General shall conduct a preliminary review of the application for administrative purposes, and the substantive consideration shall be carried out by LTC. In the case of more than one application for the same area and same Resource category, whether the applicant has preference and priority should be a matter of substance and should be considered by LTC.