

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

**President's text**

*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:**

President's text

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

China

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

Regulation 20 Term [and renewal] of exploitation contracts

**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**

~~6.[(b) bis. The cumulative environmental impact does not exceed the thresholds set by the applicable Regional Environmental Management Plan as a result of the renewal, and that such renewal does not hinder the achievement of the strategic and regional environmental goals and objectives;]~~

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

The attribution of cumulative environmental impact is uncertain and not necessarily linked to the behavior of the Contractor. It is recommended that an in-depth study of cumulative environmental impact be undertaken before deciding whether to consider it as a factor in the renewal of a Contractor's exploitation contract.