

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH 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.

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 8 Area covered by an application

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**

[3 alt. The area under application shall be an area previously subject to an exploration contract, or an area in which ~~adequate and satisfactory~~ environmental baseline data is in existence and publicly available.

~~5. In the application, the applicant shall provide a statement confirming whether the area under application or any part of it has received attention under any other international organisation or treaty regime.~~

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

Regarding paragraph 3 alt, we suggest to delete "adequate and satisfactory", because "adequate and satisfactory" is subjective and hardly defined objectively.

Regarding paragraph 5, We propose to delete this paragraph. Coordination with other international organizations or related activities is not an obligation of the contractor. Appropriate procedures should be established for the exchange of information between ISA and relevant agencies and processes. Such coordination and communication should be bidirectional, and other agencies should also take the initiative to coordinate with ISA on activities within its purview.