TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION: COUNCIL - PART III

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Annex X, Section 4.1

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4.1 The Contractor is hereby granted the exclusive right under this Contract to Explore for and Exploit the resource category specified in this Contract and to conduct Exploration and Exploitation activities within the Contract Area in accordance with the terms of this Contract. The Contractor shall have security of tenure and this Contract shall not be suspended, terminated or revised except in accordance with the terms set out herein.

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

Maintain consistency in language with second sentence.

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7.1 [In accordance with the 'polluter pays' principle,] tThe Contractor shall be liable to the Authority for the actual amount of any damage, including damage to the Marine Environment, arising out of its wrongful acts or omissions, and those of its employees, subcontractors, agents and all persons engaged in working or acting for them in the conduct of its operations under this Contract, [including the costs of reasonable measures to prevent and limit damage to the Marine Environment,] [arising out of its wrongful acts [or omissions]], account being taken of any contributory acts or omissions by the Authority or third parties. This clause survives the termination of the Contract and applies to all damage [arising out of the Contractors wrongful acts [or omissions]] regardless of whether it is caused or arises before, during or after the completion of the Exploitation activities or Contract term. [For the purpose of this clause, 'wrongful acts or omissions', means any unlawful act or omission attributable to the Contractor that results in damage, irrespective of bad intention or negligence]. [Recoverable damages under this clause include: costs of reasonable measures to prevent and limit damage to the Marine Environment, lost revenue, reinstatement, pay out in lieu of actual reinstatement, and/or measures to compensate for pure ecological loss and harm to the living resources of the Area.]

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Not all acts or omissions will be considered wrongful. Consequently, "unlawful" should be added as a qualifier.

It is overly prescriptive to define recoverable damages in the regulations. Damages will assessed on the basis of principles under the Convention, noting that the liability mechanism is evolving.

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Annex X, Section 9.3

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9.3 The Council shall review the notification, and if the Council determines that the Contractor is in compliance with the conditions set out above, this Contract [shall be] [may be]-shall be renewed on the terms and conditions of the standard exploitation contract that are in effect on the date that the Council approves the renewal application.

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

Where the conditions for renewal are satisfied, there should be no discretion in the renewal of a contract.