

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

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:

The Pew Charitable Trusts

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

DR 14

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 14

Amendments to the proposed Plan of Work

1. At any ~~reasonable~~ time prior to making its recommendation to the Council and as part of its consideration of an application under regulation 12, the Commission may:

(a) Request the applicant to provide additional information on any aspect of the application ~~[within 30 Days of the date when the application is first considered]~~ ~~[prior to making a recommendation]~~; and

(b) Request the applicant to amend its Plan of Work, or propose specific amendments for consideration by the applicant where such amendments are considered necessary to bring the Plan of Work into conformity with the requirements of these regulations.

2. Where the Commission ~~[proposes any amendment to the Plan of Work]~~ ~~makes a request~~ under paragraph 1 [(a) or] (b) above, the Commission shall provide to the applicant a brief justification and rationale for such ~~[proposed amendment]~~ ~~a request~~. The applicant must respond within ~~[the timeframe requested by the Commission]~~ ~~[90 Days following receipt of such [proposal a request] from the Commission]~~ by agreeing to the ~~[proposal request]~~, rejecting the ~~proposal request~~, or making an alternative proposal for the Commission's consideration. The Secretary-General shall publish any revised application on the website and provide an opportunity for public comment. The Commission shall then, in the light of the applicant's response, and any responses received during the public consultation, make its recommendations to the Council.

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

We support the current content of DR14, as amended. We would however suggest one amendment to paragraph (2) to require the LTC to publish any revision to the application with an opportunity for public comment. This is to avoid an application being substantially changed, after public consultation has taken place and without opportunity for further opportunity for stakeholders to comment on those changes.