

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](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:**

The Pew Charitable Trusts

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

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**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.**

1. Each application for approval of a Plan of Work shall define the boundaries of the area under application, by a list of **[geographical** coordinates in accordance with **[Annex 1 to these regulation**~~the World Geodetic System 84 most recent applicable international standard used by the Authority].~~

2. The areas under application need not be contiguous and shall be defined in the application in the form of blocks comprising one or more cells of a grid, as provided by the Authority.

~~[3. The area under application shall be located within an exploration Contract Area]~~

~~[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.]~~

~~[4. The areas under application must be covered by a relevant Regional Environmental Management Plan pursuant to regulation 44bis.]~~

~~[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.]~~

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

Annex I (item 17) already requires use of the World Geodetic System 84. We therefore suggest, deleting this extraneous wording in paragraph 1, and instead referring to Annex I for the methodology of boundary delineation in the application.

With regards to the facilitators' comment about 'area' or 'areas' we consider that it should be consistent throughout draft regulation 8. We suggest to use 'area'.

We prefer the first part of paragraph 3alt, and would recommend deleting the second part of paragraph 3alt as was mentioned by other delegations in July.

We support paragraph 5 which seems like a sensible addition and helps give effect to the principle of "reasonable regard" relating to other marine users.