

**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:

Institutional Matters

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

Singapore

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

Regulation 9(2)

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.

The Commission shall, subject to regulation 11 (4), consider such application at its next meeting, provided that the notifications and information under paragraph 1 (c) above have been circulated at least [30-90] Days prior to the commencement of that meeting of the Commission. The Commission may suspend further consideration of such application and resume consideration at its subsequent meeting, if the complexity of the application so requires. ~~{The Commission may defer consideration of such application to its next meeting if it considers the application to be overly complex.}~~

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

The phrase “overly complex” in the last sentence is vague and subjective. Singapore is also concerned that the last sentence has the effect of allowing the Commission to defer the consideration of the application entirely, rather than to allow consideration of a complex application over the course of a few meetings, if so required. We understand the latter to be the intended objective, consistent with the Commission being the master of its own procedure. Singapore’s proposed textual amendments are intended to give effect to this intended objective.