

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

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:

Institutions Working Group

2. Name of Delegation making the proposal:

UK

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

**Regulation 10 Preliminary review of
application by the Secretary General**

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.

~~[Para 1 bis. In case there is a potential applicant who has preference and priority in the same area and same Resource category under Exploration contract, the Secretary General shall confirm the intention of such a potential applicant to apply].~~

In the event of a subsequent applicant claiming to have preference and priority in the same area and for the same Resource category under an Exploration Contract as an existing application, then the new applicant must announce their intention to lodge their application within 30 days of the original applicant’s application. The new applicant shall then lodge their application within a further 60 days. The Secretary General shall consider the additional application in accordance with Regulation 10 (1).

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

Concerning para 2, several delegations suggested the identification of a clear deadline for the second applicant to announce its intention to apply in accordance with regulation 10 (1).

UK understanding is that any area under consideration should have been the subject of an exploration contract prior to any exploitation contract. But in the unlikely event of a secondary application occurring for the same area, to avoid legal uncertainty, the UK considers that the second applicant must lodge their application within 90 days of the first application.