

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

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:

IWG: Institutional Matters

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

Republic of Nauru

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

Regulation 10(1)

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 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]~~

~~1 ter. Should there be more than one application for the same area and same Resource category, the [Secretary-General] shall determine whether the applicant has preference and priority in accordance with article 10 of annex III to the Convention[, and in case of any dispute, it shall be submitted to the Commission to make recommendations, upon which the Council shall make the decision.]~~

~~[1 quat. The Secretary General shall notify the members of the Authority of the determination made, if any, as to whether the applicant has preference and priority.]~~

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

As to 1bis, we do not understand its intent or purpose. The text should be clarified or deleted.

As for 1 ter, this will be an objective assessment and very unlikely a dispute would arise.

For 1 quat, this is an unnecessary procedural step.