

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 29TH 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(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION OF THE SEA (ACOPS)

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

DRAFT REGULATION 48 ter

3. 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.

Proposed additional text to be placed either after the last sentence of DR 48 ter 3, currently ending with: “... Article 145 of the Convention.”, or as a new numbered paragraph:

The Exploration Regulations/Standards/Guidelines/Recommendations on Test Mining are hereby amended as set out below and in the SGR. These amendments supersede and replace the relevant Exploration RSGR on test mining. In the event of any inconsistency between the two sets of RSGR on Test Mining, the Exploitation RSGR shall prevail.

... provide Exploration Test Mining amendments here ...

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

UNCLOS Annex III/17(2)(b)(ii) envisages that test mining may occur during exploration. Test mining is briefly addressed in the Exploration Regulations/Standards/Guidelines/Recommendations (RSGR). Nothing in UNCLOS precludes test mining during exploitation and its regulation in the Exploitation RSGR.

If the Exploration RSGR require revision for test mining during exploration, this can be done through the Exploitation Regulations, with further details as appropriate in the Exploitation SGR. The Exploration RSGR need not be reopened.