

**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:

China

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

Regulation 25 Documents to be submitted prior to production

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.

***Note: China’s amendments are in Blue**

1. At least 12 months prior to the proposed commencement of production in a Mining Area, the Contractor shall provide to the Secretary-General a Feasibility Study prepared in accordance with [Annex X] and Good Industry Practice, and the applicable Standard, taking into consideration ~~account the applicable~~ Guidelines [as well as the results of the Pilot Test Mining study pursuant to Regulation [48 ter bis], paragraph 2 or 3, as applicable, and in accordance with Annex [IV ter].

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

China proposes distinguishing between Test Mining and Pilot Mining. In this context, regulation 48ter should stipulate Pilot Mining rather than Test Mining. A Contractor under the exploitation contract shall conduct Pilot Mining to verify the feasibility of production capacity, technology, environment, etc., prior to the commencement of commercial production. Test Mining shall be conducted before the Contractor obtains the exploitation contract.