

**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 7 Form of applications and information to accompany a Plan of Work

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**

3bis (d)bis A study of Test Mining study pursuant to the Schedule to these Regulations prepared in accordance with Regulation 48 ter; In cases where an applicant utilizes mature mining technology that has been internationally validated, there shall be no requirement to conduct Test Mining. Instead, the applicant shall provide supporting materials in relation to the mature mining technology when submitting the application.

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

Test Mining here is not the Test Mining referred to in regulation 48ter of the draft Exploitation Regulations, but is derived from the Exploration Regulations and the LTC “Recommendations for the guidance of contractors for the assessment of the possible environmental impacts arising from exploration for marine minerals in the Area” (ISBA/25/LTC/6/Rev.3), which is analyzed in detail in Part I of China’s General Comments.

If the applicant uses mature mining technology that has been technically proven internationally, the Test Mining is not required. In this case, relevant supporting materials in relation to the mature mining technology should be provided when submitting the application for the Plan of Work.