

**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:

Republic of Nauru

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

Annex VII

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.

1. The Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan prepared under these Regulations and this Annex VII shall be:

[...]

~~(b) Verified by the report of [independent] competent [independent experts persons] appointed by the Authority.~~

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

Requiring outside verification of Environmental Management and Monitoring Plans would usurp the Authority’s (principally that of the Commission) assessment and regulatory role, potentially creating conflicts in directions to contractors, and add to the cost and time associated with their preparation. The Commission can obtain its own expert(s) should this be required. We would suggest deleting sub-paragraph 1(b).