

**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.

Regulation 93bis

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.

7. During the consultation period, the applicant or Contractor shall ~~endeavour to~~ conduct engagement with States and ~~potentially directly affected~~ and interested Stakeholders ~~public engagement, and~~ in accordance with [Regulation 93 ter] applicable Standards, and taking into ~~consideration~~ Guidelines. The Secretary General may, in consultation with the relevant applicant or Contractor, direct the applicant or Contractor to conduct such meetings, workshops and engagement or facilitate such meetings, workshops and other forms of engagement.

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

Nauru considers that paragraph (7) requires clarification so that the obligation on applicants and contractors regarding stakeholder consultation is clear.

First, we consider that it is important that only applicants and contractors be obliged to endeavour to engage with interest stakeholders. Stakeholders cannot be forced to be engaged with, and the regulations should recognise this.

Secondly, where the Secretary-General directs an applicant or contractor to hold a meeting or workshop, this should involve consultation with the applicant or contractor to ensure this is practicable, done efficiently and takes into consideration the other activities planned by the applicant or Contractor. The Secretary-General should also facilitate such engagement.