

**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 93ter Alt

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.

3. Consultations between Contractors and potentially affected coastal States should be organised as follows:

[...]

~~(c) The Secretary General shall inform the Contractor and all States of the coastal States that have communicated their position that they qualify as potentially most affected coastal States. Contractors and States are required to raise an objection, if any, to a notification of a State that it considers itself to qualify as a potentially affected coastal State within [21] Days, absent which the State in question should be deemed to qualify as potentially affected coastal State. If such an objection is raised, the Council shall determine whether the State in question qualifies as a potentially affected coastal State;~~

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

We support contractors undertaking consultations with coastal States but do not see the need for the objections process currently proposed in sub-paragraph (3)(c) in regulation 93ter Alt. This would only limit the transparency and value of the consultations. It would also create additional administrative overhead and delay to the consultation process. As such, we propose deleting sub-paragraph (3)(c)..