

**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:

The Pew Charitable Trusts

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

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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.

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

We support the new DR44(ter) and thank the proponents.

We note that during the July 2024 meeting some member States suggested this language would be better placed in a policy document. While we can understand these arguments, we are confused that some of those same States disagreed with the need for a general policy in the Assembly which presumably would have captured the content provided for in this regulation. As such, we would prefer this be retained in the Regulations until those requesting for this regulation to be moved to a policy document provide more information as to how and when such a document will take form.

We also disagree with the notion that DR13 ‘already handles’ environmental goals and objectives of the ISA. DR13 refers to such goals and objectives but it does not clearly establish what they are. DR13 only applies to the ISA’s evaluation of contract applications and not to other important areas to which the goals and objectives should also apply.