

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 31TH 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.im.

1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:

Russian Federation

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

Annex III bis

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.

Scoping Report

A Scoping Report shall include the following:

(a) A brief description of the proposed Exploitation activities;

~~(b) - (e) A description of what is known about the environmental setting, including ~~any~~ objects of an archaeological and historical nature [Underwater Cultural Heritage], for the project (Contract Area and regional setting);.~~

~~(c) Bis A summary of existing environmental baseline studies, and, where available, relevant traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities;~~

(d) A description of data gaps, potential data gaps or data with a large uncertainty associated with it for the project, ~~including environmental baseline data~~, and a plan describing ~~actions and~~ the methodology for collecting and analyzing that information ~~prior to commencement of Exploitation activities and to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment;~~

~~(d)bis A description of any assumptions and on how they are being addressed, and assessment of their implications to the Environmental Risk Assessment findings;~~

~~(e) A summary of existing environmental baseline studies, and, where available, relevant traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities;~~

(f) A description of the technical, spatial and temporal boundaries for the Environmental Impact Assessment;

(g) A description of the socioeconomic and sociocultural aspects of the project ~~including socio-cultural uses of the Mining Area (e.g., traditional navigation routes, migratory paths of culturally significant marine species, sacred sites and waters associated with ritual or ceremonial activities of Indigenous Peoples and local communities);.~~

~~[(g bis) a brief description of any human health impacts associated with the project].~~

~~(h) any assumptions and on how they are being addressed, and assessment of their implications to the Environmental Risk Assessment findings;~~

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(i) A ~~description of findings of~~ preliminary impact analysis which categorizes the important issues into high-risk, medium-risk and low-risk for the Environmental Impact Assessment to address and evaluates the need for further information, taking into account the Environmental Risk Assessment, ~~which includes;~~

(i) The identification of potential hazards;

(ii) The environmental consequence for each identified potential impact(s) ~~and/or potential effect(s)~~ (the magnitude of the impact(s) ~~and/or effect(s)~~, the duration of the impacts ~~and/or effect(s)~~, and the receptor characteristics), and the likelihood of the consequence occurring;

(iii) A description of the cumulative effects of the project, combined with other authorized, activities, and actions, or natural phenomena;

(iv) The confidence levels of experts, in order to account for uncertainty and a precautionary approach; and

(v) A description of the methodology employed in the Environmental Risk Assessment.}

(j) ~~A description of the A~~ preliminary Environmental Risk Assessment ~~and its ;~~

(k) ~~A description of the results of the Environmental Risk Assessment~~, including identification of high priority risks for local and regional ecosystem functioning over short and long term, requiring particular focus in the subsequent impact assessment phase of the Environmental Impact Assessment;

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(m) A report of ~~any written~~ consultations undertaken during scoping;

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~~(n) bis An explanation for how the activities and studies planned for the Environmental Impact Assessment will be sufficient to determine likely environmental impacts, and sufficient to propose mitigation and management strategies and monitoring methodology;~~

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(o) A terms of reference for the Environmental Impact Assessment, which identifies the activities and studies planned for the ~~subsequent impact assessment stage of the~~ Environmental Impact Assessment, ~~and;~~

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