

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART I**

Informal Working Group - Environment

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.

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

China

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

Regulation 46 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.

46bis 7. In the conduct of the environmental impact assessment, the Sponsoring State and Contractor shall maintain consultations, including a system of prior notification, with any coastal State across whose jurisdiction resource deposits in the Area lie, with a view to avoiding infringement of their rights and interests, in accordance with Regulation 4. **The Authority shall specify procedures and time limit requirements for such consultation with coastal State concerned.**

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

China believes that the consultation with coastal State should be carried out in strict accordance with Article 142 of the UNCLOS, and the scope of consultation should not be expanded. At the same time, in order to ensure the actual operation of the consultation, it is needed to clarify the procedures and time limit requirements for such consultation with coastal State concerned.