

**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:

The Russian Federation

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.

7. In accordance with art. 142 as well as Regulation 4 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.

Such consultations are subject to the principle of non-discrimination with regard to the contractors.

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

It is needed to clarify the notion “independent scientific assessment” (para. 4(d)). We propose to specify periodicity EIA review (para. 5).

Regarding para. 7 we are convinced that consultations with coastal States should be carried out in accordance with art. 142 UNCLOS. We strongly prefer to include reference to the art. 142.

The non-discriminatory principles should be applied to such consultations and a clear mechanism for them.