

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

Informal Working Group – Institutional Matters

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to council2022@isa.org.jm.

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

Advisory Committee on Protection of the Sea

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

Draft Regulation 2: Fundamental Policies and Principles

3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation 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.

(f) Provide for the prevention, reduction and control of pollution and other hazards to the Marine Environment, including the coastline, **and of interference with the ecological balance of the marine environment;**

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

Further to our proposal made in the sessions of the IWG-Environment re the need to address “the interference with the ecological balance of the marine environment” in the exploitation regulations, ACOPS considers that this criterion, as explicitly required by Article 145, must also be included here, in the same place as it appears in the LOS Convention itself, namely right after the current text again taken up here in (f).

ACOPS sees no reason to include in the exploitation regulations a required environmental criterion from Article 145 and omit the environmental criterion immediately following it in the Convention, which criterion is equally required to be addressed in the exploitation regulations under the LOS Convention.

ACOPS will submit further textual proposals with regard to this criterion (and other comments) for addition to the draft exploitation regulations in due course.