

**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 and send to council2022@isa.org.jm.

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

Belgium

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

Regulation 44

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.

Para 1: The Authority, sponsoring States, the Enterprise and Contractors shall ~~each, as appropriate~~ within their respective competence, adopt, plan, implement and modify measures necessary for ensuring effective protection for the Marine Environment from harmful effects which may arise from Exploitation in the Area or from shipboard processing immediately above a mine site of minerals derived from that mine site, in accordance with article 145 of the Convention, ~~the Agreement, the rules, regulations and procedures adopted by the Authority in respect of activities in the Area, as well as the Standards referred to in regulation 45~~

Para 2: With a view to implement paragraph 1, the Authority shall:
[description of responsibilities]

Para 3: With a view to implement paragraph 1, the sponsoring States shall:
[description of responsibilities]

Para 4: With a view to implement paragraph 1, the Enterprise and the Contractors shall:
[description of responsibilities]

Para 5: With a view to implement paragraph 1, the flag States shall:
[description of]

Para 6: The Legal and Technical Commission shall make recommendations [to the Council] on the implementation of paragraphs 1 to 5 above.

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

Belgium thinks that the Regulation would gain clarity and readability when it is structured in a different manner.

The first paragraph should refer to article 145 UNCLOS, as the guiding article for this Part IV 'Protection and preservation of the Marine Environment'.

The subsequent paragraphs should elaborate on the specific responsibilities per role (Authority, sponsoring State, Contractor etc.), even if this entails some repetition. A 'mutatis mutandis' description of these basic responsibilities is confusing and might create loopholes.

Belgium reserves the right to intervene on other topics as regards this Regulation.