

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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 1

**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.**

3. Terms and phrases used in these regulations are defined as follows:~~for the purposes of these regulations in the schedule.~~ [Integrate the terms/definitions in this para, instead of referring to the schedule ‘Use of terms and scope’ at the end of the text]

4. These regulations shall not in any way affect the rights and freedoms in the Convention, such as the freedom of scientific research, pursuant to article 87 of the Convention, ~~or~~ the right to conduct marine scientific research in the Area pursuant to articles 143 and 256 of the Convention or. ~~Nothing in these regulations shall be construed in such a way as to restrict~~ the exercise by States of the freedom of the high seas as reflected in article 87 of the Convention.

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

On para 3 – this integration improves the readability of the Regulations and it is in accordance with most legal texts, where definitions stand in the beginning

On para 4 - we think we all agree that the freedom of scientific research, the right to conduct marine scientific research or the exercise by States of the freedom of the high seas shall not in any way be affected by these Regulations. This paragraph is correct, but also a bit confusing. Because there are other rights or freedoms that are also safeguarded by the Convention and are not mentioned in this paragraph. Therefore we propose a different wording, in order to combine the general principle that all rights and

freedoms in the Convention shall remain unaffected by these Regulations with the explicit mention of these three rights and freedoms in this para.