

**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.*

**1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:** Republic of Costa Rica

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

Regulation 2, Part I - ISBA/25/C/WP.1

**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.**

**Regulation 2**

**Fundamental policies and principles**

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(e) Provide, pursuant to article 145 of the Convention, for the effective protection of the Marine Environment from the harmful effects which may arise from Exploitation, in accordance with the Authority’s environmental policy, including regional environmental management plans, based on the following principles:

(v) Ensure public ~~Access~~ access to data and information relating to the protection and preservation of the Marine Environment;

(vi) Accountability and transparency in in every facet and aspect of the process, including, inter alia: administration, ~~decision-making; and,~~ implementation, monitoring, reporting, compliance.

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

**1-** Access to data and information has to be ensured, together with accountability and transparency, which should be at the backbone of the regulations, and not be limited to the decision-making process.