

**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:**

China

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

Regulation 2.

**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.**

(c) Ensure that the resources of the Area are exploited in accordance with sound commercial principles, and that exploitation is carried out in accordance with Good Industry Practice;

(d) Ensure that a reasonable balance between exploration for and exploitation of the resources in the Area and protection and preservation of the marine environment and ensure mutual due regard for each other between activities in the Area and other activities in the marine environment.

(e) Provide for the protection of human life and safety

(f) Provide, pursuant to article 145 of the Convention,

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(iv) The application of “the polluter pays” principle as contained in principle 16 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, through market-based instruments, mechanisms and other relevant measures;

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

On (d), China believes that exploration for and exploitation of the resources in the Area and protection and preservation of the marine environment should be balanced and according to the articles 87 and 147 of the UNCLOS, other activities in the marine environment such as laying of submarine cables shall be conducted with reasonable regard for activities in the Area.

On (f) (iv), China believes that the "polluter pays" principle has different meanings and applicable conditions in different contexts. The "polluter pays" principle as reflected in principle 16 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development is the consensus reached by the international community. It is suggested that the "Rio Declaration on Environment and Development" should be referred here.

