

**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:

China

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

Regulation 47

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.

3(c). Identify comments received through public consultation on the environmental impact assessment **within a specified period of the publication of the environmental impact assessment** and how they have been addressed **according to the relevant rules and procedures adopted by the Authority;**

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

China endorses the positive effects of public consultation for the improvement of the EIA. However, contractors can be caught up in endless responses in the absence of appropriate standards, procedures, and timelines. In order to facilitate the operation of the contractor, China calls upon the Authority and facilitator to elucidate how and to what extent the contractor should "address" the comments and clarify the timeline and procedure for public consultation.