

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27TH SESSION:
COUNCIL - PART II**

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.

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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.

*Note: China’s amendments are in Blue

We welcome the revised version of article 48 bis. We recommend:

48bis(1)

The purpose of test mining is to ensure ~~that the mining equipment is technically appropriate, the operation economically efficient and~~ that effective protection of the marine environment from harmful effects is ensured. Test mining projects shall as a general rule provide evidence that appropriate equipment is available to ensure the effective protection of the Marine Environment in accordance with Article 145.

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

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The main purpose and value of test mining for the Authority is to ensure that the technical solutions for the exploitation will not cause serious harm to the environment. It should be up to the contractors to confirm whether it is technically and economically feasible, as technical solutions and costs of exploitation vary among contractors.