

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.

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 44, Part IV - ISBA/27/C/IWG/ENV/CRP.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.

Part IV Section 1. Obligations relating to the Marine Environment

Regulation 44. General obligations 1.

The Authority, sponsoring States, the Enterprise and Contractors shall each, as appropriate within their respective competence, adopt, plan, implement and modify measures necessary for ensuring effective protection for the Marine Environment from harmful effects which may arise from Exploitation in the Area, in line with article 145 of the Convention or from shipboard processing immediately above a mine site of minerals derived from that mine site, in accordance with the Convention, the Agreement, the rules, regulations and procedures adopted by the Authority in respect of activities in the Area, as well as the Standards referred to in regulation 45 and the applicable Regional Management Environmental Plan.

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

1- It is pertinent to include a specific mentioning of article 145 of the Convention so it is understood that the effective protection should be guided by all the dispositions included in art 145.

2- The pertinent REMP should also be taken in consideration to ensure the effective protection of the marine environment **since it is the toll that can allow for a holistic evaluation of the region.**